

**LIFE**

The Cynic Style Files helps students put their fashion foot forward.

**8****SPORTS**

Summer review recaps this past season's highlights in UVM Athletics.

**18****FEATURE**

The Cynic takes the task of busting the most popular myths on campus.

**7**

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, September 1, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 1 | Burlington, Vermont

## University on the up

Two publications cite Groovy UV for strong academics and a notable eco focus

### Staff Report

According to two nationwide publications, UVM has improved in measures of academic quality and environmentalism over the last decade.

In a U.S. News annual review of universities, UVM was eighth among national universities in a list of U.S. News "Top Up-and-Coming Schools," institutions that have "recently made striking improvements or innovations — schools everyone should be watching," the magazine said.

U.S. News rankings reported that UVM took the 39th spot among the nation's top public universities, up from 40th last year and 47th in 2000, according to a UVM press release.

Sierra magazine ranked the University of Vermont fourth in the country on its "10 Coolest Schools" list for its commitment to the environment.

Sierra graded schools on a 1-10 scale in eight categories and awarded bonus points for programs that were exceptional.



UVM received a 9 in efficiency, 8 in academics, administration and purchasing and a 7 in energy, food and waste management. UVM received four of five possible bonus points.

According to the UVM press release, it received the bonus points for a variety of projects, including its new Clean Energy Fund, the Campus Kitchens Project, an educational campaign opposing bottled water, the University's Sustainable Food Working Group and the Plant a Row for Hunger project supported by students.

UVM also received credit for the large number of students — 204, more than any other college — who participated in Power Shift '09, a youth-led rally in Washington, D.C., on climate change, the press release said.



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Ryan Barnes, senior at UVM, fulfilled his UVM physical education requirement with multiple badminton classes. He is pictured here playing "Snipe," a frisbee-soccer game that Barnes invented with fellow UVM senior Buddy Koerner.

## Board of Trustees remove PE requirement

### Staff Report

Following review by the Curricular Affairs Committee, the Board of Trustees voted to remove the physical education requirement for all undergraduate students after commencement weekend.

"The rationale is complex, but the major issue is that this was not an education requirement, only an activity requirement," Chair of the Curricular Affairs Committee and Professor Cynthia Forehand said.

Following the decision in May, all students enrolled in fall 2009 physical education classes were notified that the requirement had been eliminated, Larry Mellinger, Assistant Director of Programs in the Department of Athletics and

Campus Recreation, said.

In an e-mail sent over the summer to students in the College of Arts and Sciences, Mark Galen Hall, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, stated the drop as well as the decrease in overall credit requirement from 122 to 120 credits.

The change will apply to all students, regardless of class year, the e-mail said.

Forehand said that the physical education department was struggling to offer enough courses to meet the needs of the students for graduation.

Most of the courses for students to take to meet the requirement had been outsourced to adjunct faculty and external facilities, where students often had to pay both tuition and a

facility fee.

According to Mellinger, some classes are being removed from the schedule due to low enrollment, but most still have a good number of students enrolled.

"We are taking the removal of the PEAC requirement as an opportunity to modify the program, make sure that we are offering a diverse schedule of classes that meets the needs of the students and continue to promote the benefits of healthy living and physical education as a vital component of each student's education," Mellinger said.

Despite the cut, Forehand said that the faculty and administration feel strongly that physical activity is an important component of student well-being.

Mellinger said that he thinks students who choose not to participate in a physical activity or recreate are missing a valuable part of their education.

"But regardless of the requirement, those opportunities will still be available to all UVM students through PEAC and Campus Recreation," Mellinger said.

"For students who were interested in classes in the past but couldn't get into them because of full rosters, there will be opportunities for them to get into those classes now," he said.

According to Forehand, the two-credit physical education requirement was a university requirement dating back to the 1940s.

## University-funded credit cards compromised

### Staff Report

UVM recently uncovered information that approximately 242 of the University's credit cards were compromised, employee Ann Naylor of Procurement Services said in an e-mail sent out by the department.

Naylor said that UVM is unaware of how the breach occurred.

The University's bank sent

Naylor a list of the affected cards and cardholders' names, many of which appear on the list more than once, according to the e-mail.

Naylor's e-mail also stated that the University canceled the affected cards and that the bank will be issuing new cards to send to Procurement Services, which will sync the new numbers with PeopleSoft before mailing them to the affected parties.





# Fogel appoints five to administration

Though not new to campus, appointees begin the year in new positions

By Joanna Benjamin  
Asst. Managing Editor

As of July 1, the University of Vermont appointed five faculty members into administrative positions.

Patricia Prelock, Bernard Cole, John Evans, Brian Reed and Karry Castano accepted the positions of dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, interim dean of the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, senior advisor to the

president, associate provost for curricular affairs and chief of staff to the provost, respectively.

University President Daniel Mark Fogel made these announcements public via a memo sent on July 1 to the campus community, Board of Trustees and the Board of Advisors for both the colleges of Nursing and Health Sciences and the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.

Prelock — who is also the dean of and a professor in the

Department of Communication Sciences — succeeds former Dean Betty Rambur.

Professor of statistics and Statistics Program Director Cole succeeds Domenico Grasso — who was recently made vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College — according to the memo.

Fogel's memo stated that Evans will work with the vice presidents for research, development and alumni relations and holds an appointment as

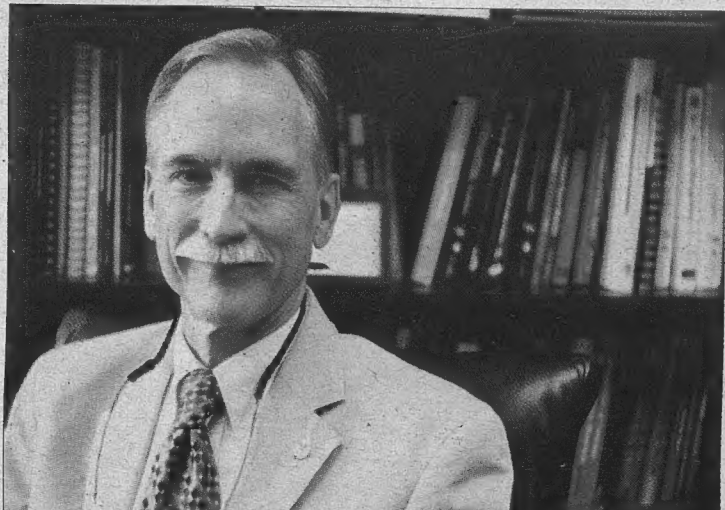
professor of physiology as well as biophysics in the College of Medicine, including dean of the College of Medicine.

Associate dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, interim dean of the college and associate provost for curricular affairs, Reed will work with the Faculty Senate on curricular initiatives, including general education, academic program review and cross-college programming in health and environmental sciences, Fogel

stated in the memo.

According to the memo, Castano is new to the Office of the Provost, but served as the assistant dean for administration in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Fogel concluded his memo with his hope to advance UVM as one of the nation's premier small research universities and with an expression of appreciation to other community members John Hughes, Jull Tarule and Dale Jaffé.



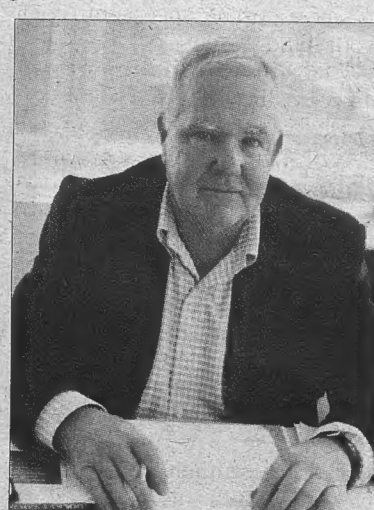
**Brian Reed**  
Associate Provost For Curricular Affairs



**Patricia Prelock**  
Dean Of College Of Nursing And Health Sciences



**Bernard Cole**  
Interim Dean Of The College Of Engineering And Mathematical Sciences



**John Evans**  
Senior Advisor To The President

Brian Reed, John Evans - Bailey Cummings / The Vermont Cynic;  
Patricia Prelock, Bernard Cole - Courtesy of University Communications

## On-campus housing still means forced triple and quad rooms

### Staff Report

Several weeks ago, all UVM freshmen received a message in their inboxes that won't mean much for some, but for those assigned to a triple or quad, means more roommates and less space.

"With a record number of first-time, first-year students, transfer students and returning students, we anticipate opening with more than 5,400 residents," the ResLife e-mail said. "To accomplish this, we will be required to use many triple rooms and even lounge spaces."

As part of UVM's plan to balance the budget, the board of trustees voted last year to enroll 300 additional students.

According to the initial budget assumptions in December, the additional students would generate \$5 million to the 2010 budget.

The process of admitting students cannot produce exact numbers, as according to Director of Admissions Elizabeth Wiser, only 16.7 percent of the students who are accepted will enroll.

This year, Wiser said, the target was 2,585 freshmen and 475 transfer students.

While the final numbers will not be known until after classes begin, UVM has some preliminary figures.

"It looks like the final numbers will be slightly over our

target, estimated to be 2,620 first year students and 485 transfer students," Wiser said.

To accommodate the new students and avoid converting more rooms to triples and quads, the board also approved the preparation of UVM-owned McAuley Hall to function as dorm space.

Also new this year was the conversion of Trinity Campus's dorms Ready, Hunt and Sichel to independent living, which made space more efficiently used by moving some RA rooms, Miller said.

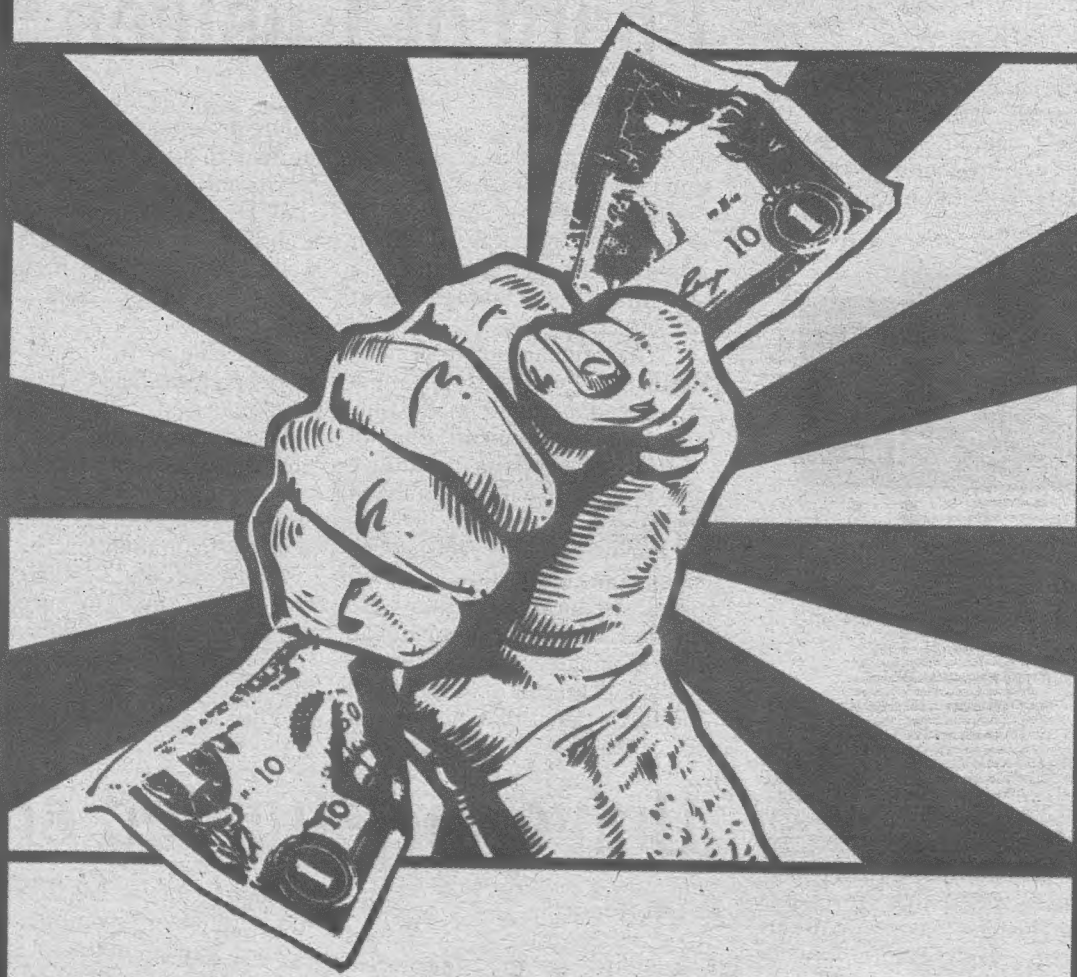
With all of the changes in place, Director of ResLife Stacey Miller said that there are 368 forced triples and converted lounges, approximately the same number as last year.

"Triples are a normal part of our ResLife's housing inventory, as we have had triples six out of the seven years that I've worked here," Miller said.

Miller said that as soon as spaces are identified, students will be de-tripled.

"The general message we try to send all students and their worried parents is to be patient and that you are not alone," Miller said. "We know that for some it is not the ideal living situation, but keeping a positive attitude will go along way in making your first semester in a triple a positive experience."

## WIN FREE PIZZA!



[WWW.PIZZAENTITLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.PIZZAENTITLEMENT.COM)

Don't see your kind of news on these here pages?

Write your own. [cynicnews@gmail.com](mailto:cynicnews@gmail.com)



# UVM sends flu reminders

## Staff Report

The UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing sent an e-mail to all students last Wednesday to update the community on the H1N1 virus, otherwise known as "Swine Flu."

According to the memo, members of the University's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) have continued their work in monitoring this pandemic and ensuring that the campus is well prepared to deal with the impact of H1N1.

"Although a number of us may experience inconvenience as a result of illness in ourselves or a friend/family member, we do not at this point foresee the likelihood of a large-scale disruption of our activities or routines," the e-mail stated.

**Getting vaccinated** — It is quite possible that we will have a vaccine targeted against H1N1 in October. Beyond this, it is important to receive the "regular" vaccine for seasonal influenza. Vaccination is especially important for those with underlying medical conditions.

**Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze** — Dispose of the tissue and wash your hands immediately. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze into your sleeve instead of your hand.

**Washing your hands often** — Use a hand sanitizer (which you may want to carry with you) or wash for 30 seconds with soap and water.

**Avoiding contact between your hands and your face** — Viruses spread easily through

this hand to face contact.

**Staying informed** — We will be updating you as more important information becomes available. Please visit the University's pandemic web site ([www.uvm.edu/emergency](http://www.uvm.edu/emergency)) often. It has timely information about our situations and links to other helpful resources.

**In order to minimize spread of the virus throughout our community, please stay in your room or at home if you become ill for at least 24 hours after your fever goes away.**

— Students may be in contact with the Center for Health and Wellbeing (656-3350) for advice and care, and faculty and staff should be in touch with their own health providers.

Information from the Center for Health and Wellbeing Aug. 26 e-mail.

# Faculty union responds to new tentative contracts

## Staff Report

UVM's faculty union, United Academics, published a press release announcing their approval of the tentative new three-year contract with UVM for part-time faculty.

The agreement includes a two percent salary increase each year over the three years, increased

UVM contributions toward health savings accounts, post-employment benefits similar to those for emeriti faculty, retention of rank and salary level for those who leave and re-enter the bargaining unit, and new titles and promotion opportunities for clinical faculty, according to the press release.

"We are happy to report that

there were no give-backs to the University, and we were able to build upon the excellent initial contract signed in 2006," United Academics President David Shiman said. "We believe that we have made some valuable gains, particularly given the economic climate in which we negotiated."

The union represents 160 part-time faculty at UVM.

# Waterman wins the Cottrell Scholar Award for science

## Staff Report

The Research Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA) named UVM's assistant chemistry professor Dr. Rory Waterman as a winner of the Cottrell Scholar Awards.

One of the 10 award winners, Waterman will continue his research on catalysts for phosphorous bonds with the \$100,000 grant the awards provide, according to a RCSA press release.

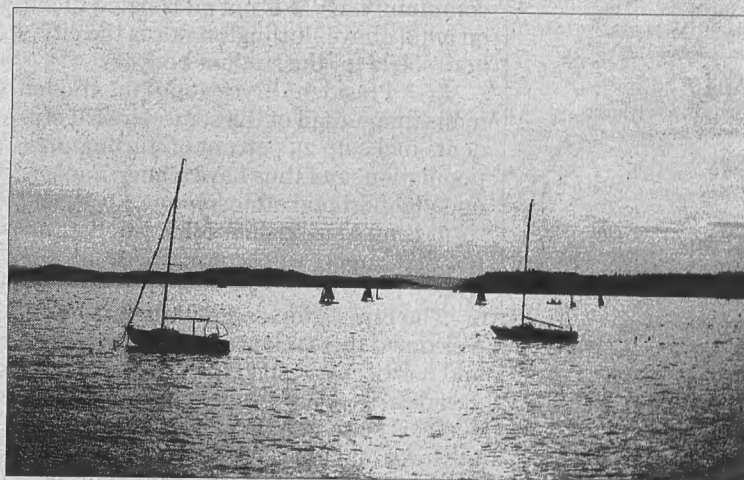
The press release stated that Waterman's teaching plan involves establishing a computerized Vermont-wide network of research opportunities for high school and

UVM undergraduate students.

Waterman, who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, is a synthetic inorganic chemist, whose interests lie in organometallics and catalysis, according to UVM's faculty profile.

In addition to the Cottrell Scholar Award, Waterman earned a National Science Foundation CAREER Award, his faculty profile stated.

According to the RCSA's press release, Waterman is also teaching a course that gives first-year students the opportunity to conduct two half-semester research projects with two different faculty members.



T. MAGNUM | Creative Commons

# Lake Champlain honored in many summer festivities

By Sarah Doubleday  
Features Editor

The Waterfront Festival was a celebration of the 400th anniversary of French explorer Samuel de Champlain's expedition to the lake that came to bear his name, as well as a commemoration of the cultures and people who populate Vermont.

For the past year, Jay Craven, the festival producer, worked to compile and schedule enough events to fill the two-week festival, which ran from July 2 to 14.

"In October, I approached the city and said, this is going to be a pretty big deal, maybe we should cut it to four or five days," Craven said. "But the city was clear — they wanted a festival that would run through two weekends."

Festivities included music, theatre, dance, cinema and fine art — all of which were covered in the two weeks of the celebration.

Along with ensuring that events for many different age groups and interests were included, the international aspect of the festival was a very important focal point in creating the schedule of acts, Craven said.

"I began trying to put together an event that would include the international element — the French of Quebec, Native Americans and also those from Champlain Valley," he said.

There are more than 100

French Quebec artists that are a part of the festivities, according to Craven.

Along with Vermont's northern neighbors, special attention was given to the Native American population of Vermont throughout the festival weeks.

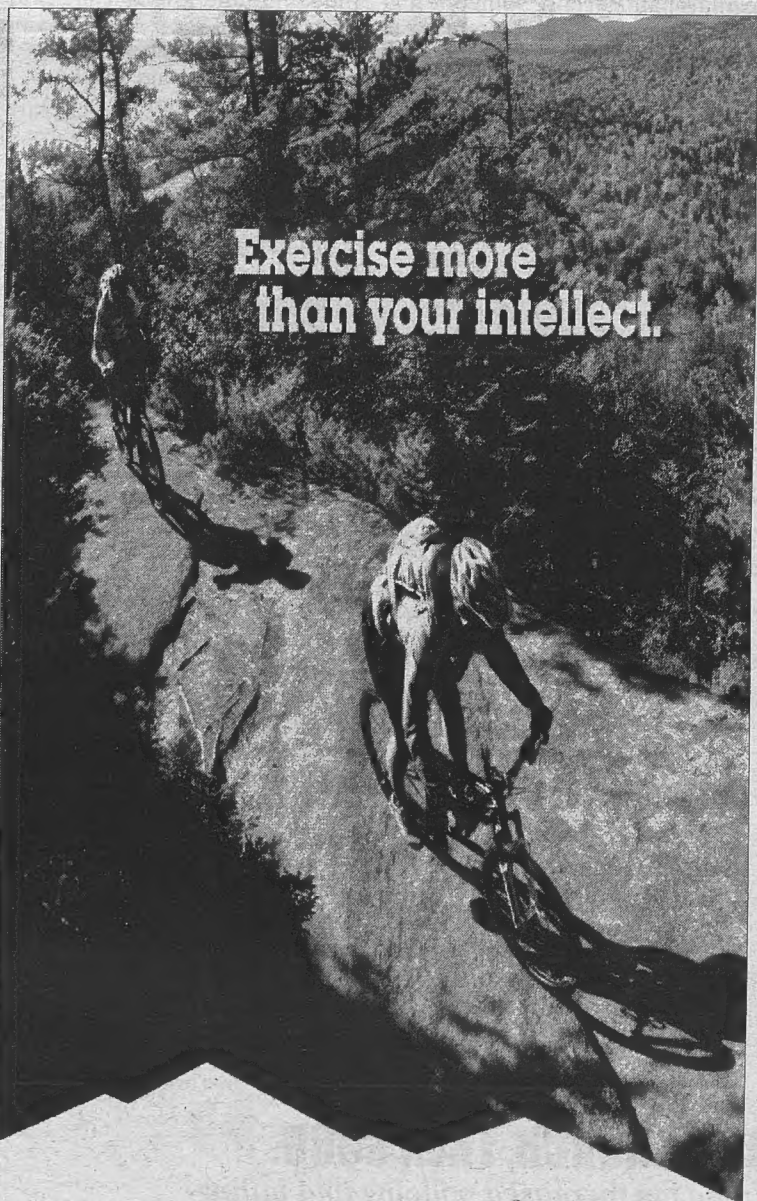
Traditional Abenaki storytelling, dancing and singing performances occurred during the two weeks, as well as academic discussions and documentaries on the relationship between Native and European cultures in Vermont since Champlain's expedition.

"The idea was to have a collaboration between French, Quebec, Vermont and Native American artists as a kind of metaphor for the Champlain expedition," Craven said.

Burlington is not the only place the Quadricentennial was celebrated. The two-week extravaganza was part of Vermont-wide festivities this summer.

Events occurring outside of Burlington range from the Made in Vermont Music Festival, put on by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, to a military history tour of Vermont's countryside.

The Made in Vermont Festival — which will extend well into September — includes a piece written specifically for the Quadricentennial, which pays tribute with a piece based on an Abenaki creation story.



Exercise more  
than your intellect.

**College Students**

Get 15% OFF full-price items.

Must show valid college ID. Restrictions apply. Visit store for details.

**South Burlington**

100 Dorset St.  
802-864-0473

**Eastern Mountain Sports**  
EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS

# Rural to red carpet

Professor wins grant to study India's street children

By Alison Stout  
Staff Writer

UVM's Jonah Steinberg, assistant professor in anthropology, recently won a grant to further research on street children of India.

Inspired by his viewing of the 2008 film "Slumdog Millionaire," Steinberg hopes to use the \$233,654 from the National Science Foundation to study street children in New Delhi, a July 20 University press release stated.

The three-year grant will allow Steinberg to spend nearly a year in India and hire an assistant to observe the social and cultural aspects of the runaways.

According to the e-mail, Steinberg's research "focuses on the demographics of street children and why the circumstances around them make it 'normal' to run away."

The research will not only provide more information on street children, but also be useful to organizations that deal with runaways, the press release stated.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

## Asst. Managing Editor for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermo  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
agbecker@uvm.edu

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie  
Ida (Features)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda  
Hayward

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Stephen Hudecek, Claire  
Eaton

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## UVM nightlife irks residents

Like clockwork, students flood into Burlington at the start of the fall semester and, for two or three warm nights a week, the town of Burlington becomes one giant circus.

At night, students can usually be seen in groups of 10 or 20 — each pack roaming in search of an elusive house party or a good time downtown.

However, for many Burlington residents, the wild nightlife traditional to the start of the semester is bothersome and obnoxious.

Many are fed up with the noise of late night promenades and the crowds of eager, usually drunk, students in the streets.

As students of the University of Vermont, we must not forget our roles as responsible members of the Burlington community. UVM is not an isolated niche on a hill above Burlington nor is the city here solely for the student body.

SGA President Bryce Jones mentioned in his first e-mail of the semester that students make up 25 percent of Burlington's population, and thus have a huge impact on neighborhood atmospheres.

It is up to us to determine whether or not that impact will be positive or negative.

The Burlington community has welcomed the students of the University and has been a respectful neighbor for decades. They have supported UVM students, are proud of what we contribute to the town and are excited to work with us to strengthen and develop the community as well as the University.

We must not ruin this vital relationship.

Do we think it is necessary to abandon all social gatherings off campus? Absolutely not.

However, students should take measures in order to minimize disturbances when going out on the weekends so that we can preserve our relationship with the local community.

We propose that students travel in smaller groups of four to six people. Not only does this lead to less noise while walking in the streets, it also gives you a better chance of getting into that elusive house party.

It is also helpful to have a destination in mind before you leave. Students who don't usually end up wandering the streets aimlessly and unsuccessfully.

It is also advisable to avoid drinking alcohol in public. Besides the no open container policy, the police will catch and put you in the drunk tank (jail), where they'll leave you until you are sober.

Also, do not urinate in public. Urinating on your neighbors' lawns is not a good way to make friends and, more importantly, it makes police and Burlington residents think that UVM students are immoral and disgusting drunks. It could also land you a seat in the drunk tank.

With a bit more care, students can have better relations with the residents of Burlington.

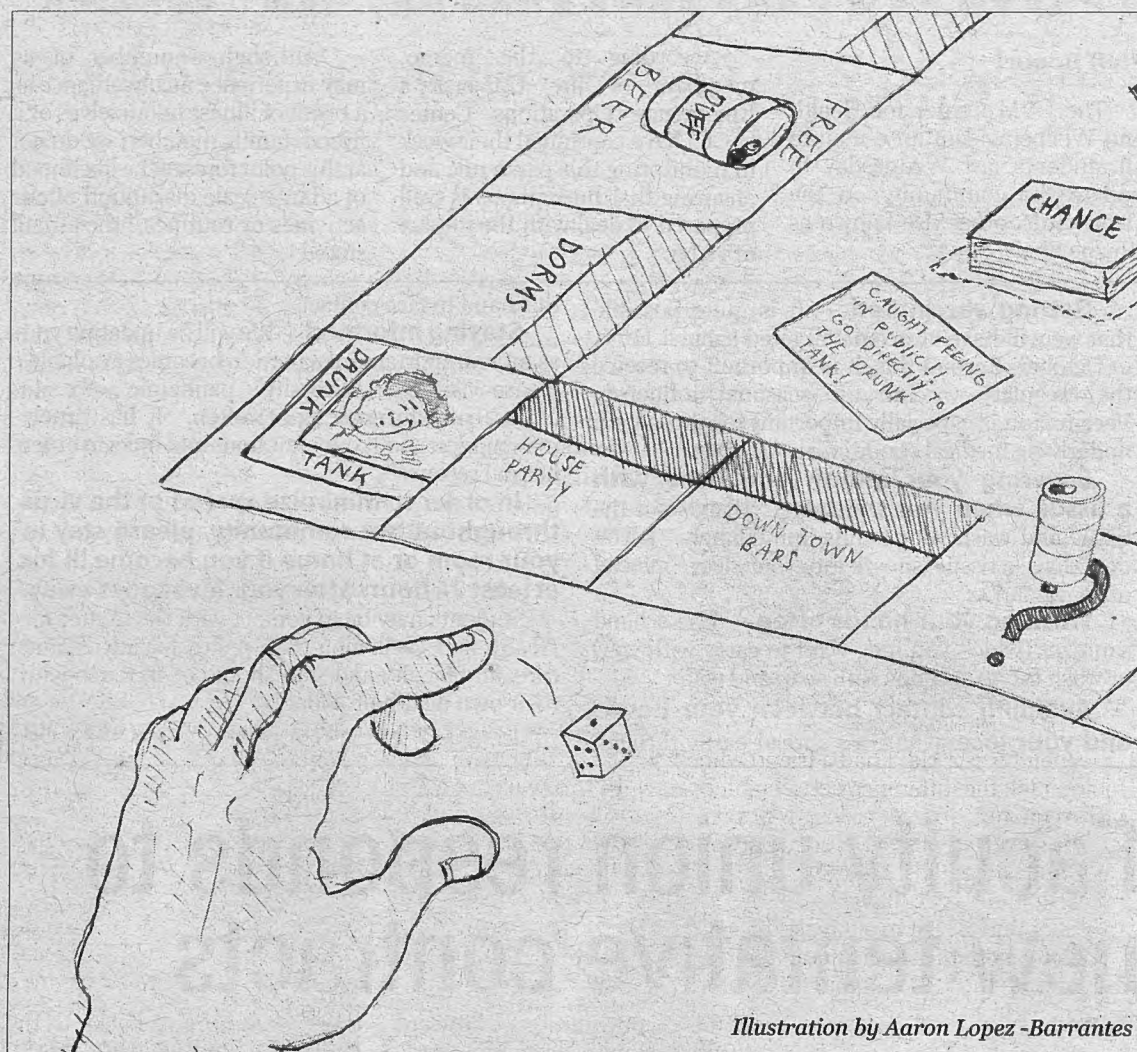


Illustration by Aaron Lopez-Barrantes

## COLUMNISTS

## The summer we almost missed



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

It's great to be back.

Well, in reality I'm still at home, but sitting down to write my first Cynic piece has given me a bit of back-to-school excitement.

While it is tempting to dive right into the new year, these past months featured numerous issues I know the opinion team would have loved to sink their teeth into.

Personally, I'd feel a little remiss if I let it all flounder in the dustbin of Cynic opinion history.

So how about a quick recap? First off, the Supreme Court.

Sonia Sotomayor ran the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation gauntlet this summer, becoming our first Latina justice, and, in the process, exposing just how white the Republican Party really is.

Hearing Rush Limbaugh

call Sotomayor a racist was like hearing SpongeBob Squarepants accuse someone of being composed of too many right angles.

Next, Iran.

For weeks we watched the Iranians bravely stand up for legitimate governance and democracy.

The events were so unexpected that it was almost impossible to make out Iran's trajectory. A revolution seemed possible, but the status quo seemed more likely. Either way the Iranian government-civilian relationship was permanently changed.

So we watched and waited, until, out of the blue, an even more important issue stole out attention.

Yes, this summer we witnessed a monumental event in human history.

Some scholars already believe it's the most important occurrence since the rise of agriculture, the invention of the wheel or the discovery of really sharp rocks.

I'm speaking, of course, of Michael Jackson's death.

And boy did we memorialize him. Wars were literally fought and won in the time he held the public's attention.

Jesus could have gone sojourning in the desert, fasting

and resisting the devil for 40 days and 40 nights, come home and still found Michael Jackson coverage on TV.

By the end, there was even media coverage on the possibility that there was too much media coverage of it.

That is, until we were reminded by messieurs Gates and Crowley that we were overdue for a conversation about the need to have a conversation about race.

The two-week racial quagmire-within-a-quagmire ended in the famous Beer Summit — an event roughly one, one-millionth as cool as it sounds.

And let's not forget health care.

As I write this, health care reform is still a convoluted mess stumbling through different congressional chambers and committees. It's hard to make anything definitive out.

As for the protestors, I get the distinct feeling that most of them envision themselves as Brad Pitt in "Inglourious Basterds."

Well, that was hardly an adequate recap, but I had to touch on some of it.

Thankfully the school year is on and I can get back to being opinionated all the time.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“WELL IF THEY'RE SCARED TO GO TO CHURCH, THEN GOOD.”

— Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona, on increased policing and jailing of illegal immigrants.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412

Don't see  
your name  
on this list?

Join *The Cynic*.

Stop by the  
office on the  
first floor of the  
Davis Center.



# Examining ethnic, cultural bias

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

## Seeing beyond color



MICHAEL FARLEY

When I was a kid, I had a friend who couldn't tell the difference between blue and green, red, orange, yellow or brown.

His world was a simple, soft array of black and white hues. Literally.

Now, many years later, I walk the streets of Burlington in a pink shirt, trying to ignore the sneers and name-calling from the kids holding the corner down as I think back to second grade and my friend's colorless world.

Since when did color define us?

Okay, that might be a loaded question, considering how large a role color has played in our history, but when did it become a crime for a male to wear a pink shirt without getting accosted for wearing a "feminine" color?

Color goes much, much further than my wardrobe and yours, though.

Just look toward the White House with our first black president living in it, who elected a brown-skinned woman to sit on our highest court.

None of these color statements I'm using are meant to sound obligatory or degrading, since these are the words

spun into a colorful web by the American mass media.

Honestly, it makes me sick how much color plays a role in our lives today — decades after the Civil Rights movement.

We use color to define and further divide ourselves into separate social classes and races, when, really, we're all part of the same race.

The human race.

Sure, having our first black president is a milestone — something our parents thought they would never see.

But the question, "What would a black president or Hispanic judge do differently from a white one?" is completely ridiculous.

Why does it matter what color our elected officials are? Should they all not serve the American people equally, no matter what color we or they are?

And are we not all equals as defined by the Constitution?

Imagine if one day we discovered a race of human beings who were blue. Would we treat them as a lower class?

Or would they instead treat us as the inferior race?

It's not as a far-fetched a question as you would be first led on to believe.

Much like social class, color is an imaginary concept we've placed upon ourselves to segregate, derogate and incapacitate us from ever progressing as a species.

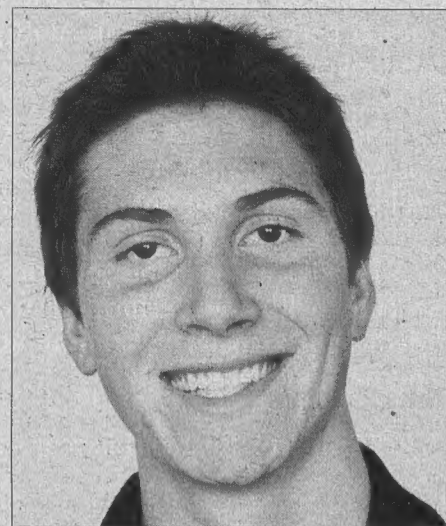
Until we can all treat each other as true equals, we will be no better than savage animals.

As this year progresses, I hope all of you can look beyond color, don't buy the hype and be colorblind like my friend.

As for me? I still plan to wear pink for a long time.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He started writing for The Cynic in the spring of 2008.*

## Overplaying race



MAX HARWOOD

headed in the right direction.

Of course, it would be a shame to dismiss potential friends because of a predisposition, but pouncing on every incidence of bias is a waste of time.

If Obama's first instinct is to say that police acted stupidly, when he hears that a prominent African American professor was arrested for breaking and entering at his own house, I wouldn't blame him.

I would say that police frequently act stupidly, whether the suspect in question is black, white or green.

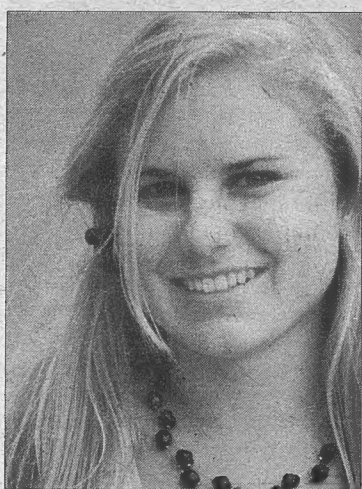
I don't know if Obama's comment was actually rooted in his perceptions of race in the United States, but if it was, it doesn't bother me.

When these critics can find me a man — president or otherwise — who has zero biases, I will consider retracting my opinion. Until then we should take a break from playing the race card because everyone has biases.

*Max Harwood is a sophomore English major. He is the editor of The Cynic's opinion section.*

COLUMNISTS

# Defining the typical college experience



JULIA MICHEL

I won't insult your intelligence by dropping the words "hooking up," "beer pong" or "Twitbook" like those white-haired pundits do every time

they're trying to connect with our generation.

Lately, the tone of wittier-than-thou bloggers, lofty *New York Times* columnists and Asher Roth songs have made me overly sensitive — and possibly overly self-critical — to the cheesiness that inevitably becomes a part of the discussion of college.

And we've all heard the one-liners: "College is what you make of it!" "These are the best four years of your life!" "Don't worry, you're going to grad school anyway."

While I appreciate people telling me how to feel, I think we need something a few words longer than the advice from a fortune cookie.

Maybe I'm alone. Or maybe I'm not the only 17- to 23-year-

old who's made more anxious by the conflicting messages — the paternalistic and entirely too simple kernels of "what college is or means" — while I'm already struggling with tough life choices and outfit decisions.

Consider this: an exhaustive 1986 Carnegie Foundation study found that 90 percent of high-school students and 88 percent of parents related a college education to finding a job.

It's painfully clear that more than just Reaganomics and big hair have faded since the '80s.

The importance of a college experience as a period of social and personal development has become so obvious and accepted that Mark Twain's quote, "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education," has become a touchstone of convocation

speeches, residence hall bonding initiatives and professors' late-paper policies nationwide.

We're told the mosaic of academics, a social life and getting to know yourself should be seamless: getting an education, meeting the friends you'll have for the rest of your life and realizing you'd rather be President than a doctor seem to all be pieces of the "normal college experience."

Stand a little closer to the mosaic and pretty soon, the little jagged edges of the stones and the grout that holds them all together become apparent.

And instead of a step-by-step assembly sheet, we're left to freehand what we hear the experience is supposed to be like. (And putting mosaics together is sticky, confusing and

frustrating.)

But therein lies the beauty: the stickiness, confusion and frustration give way to a work of art, no two of which are alike.

College is complicated. It's not just about hooking up, getting a degree or figuring out what you're going to do after graduation. In fact, it's not about anything—until you decide it is.

It's time to shush everyone else's idea of what this period is supposed to be.

It's time we make sure that we're each living our own mosaic of a Normal College Experience, and not Asher Roth's or anyone else's.

*Julia Michel is a junior Political Science and Global Studies major. She has been writing for The Cynic since fall of 2007.*

Have an opinion?

See something you disagree with?

Put your voice in *The Cynic*!

Write a Letter to the Editor and see it in print here in the Opinion section.

E-mail letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu)



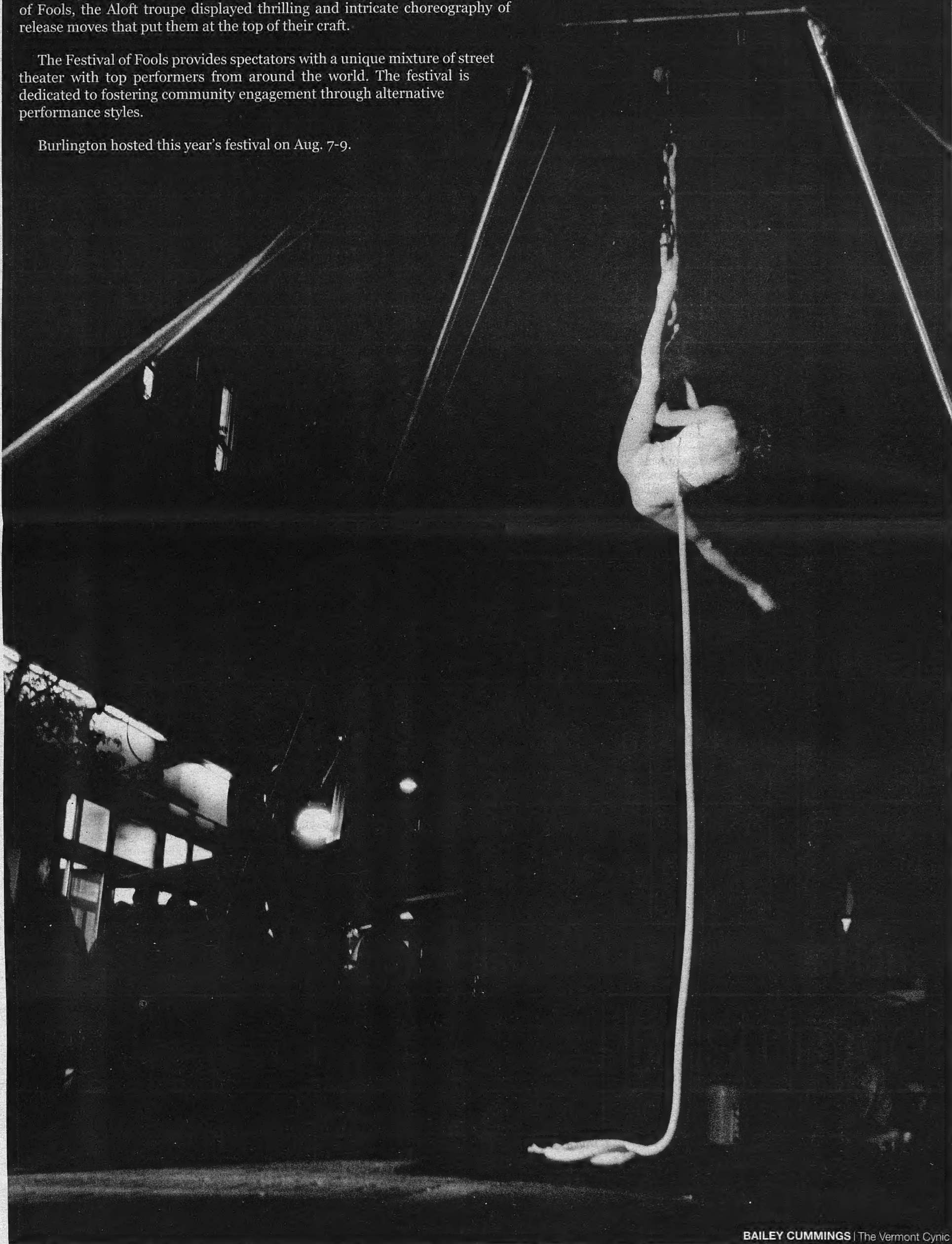
# FLYING FOOLS

As Elena Brocade soars and twirls high above the audience, she and her aerial performance group Aloft provide a unique style of entertainment for onlookers.

During this year's show at City Hall Park during Burlington's Festival of Fools, the Aloft troupe displayed thrilling and intricate choreography of release moves that put them at the top of their craft.

The Festival of Fools provides spectators with a unique mixture of street theater with top performers from around the world. The festival is dedicated to fostering community engagement through alternative performance styles.

Burlington hosted this year's festival on Aug. 7-9.



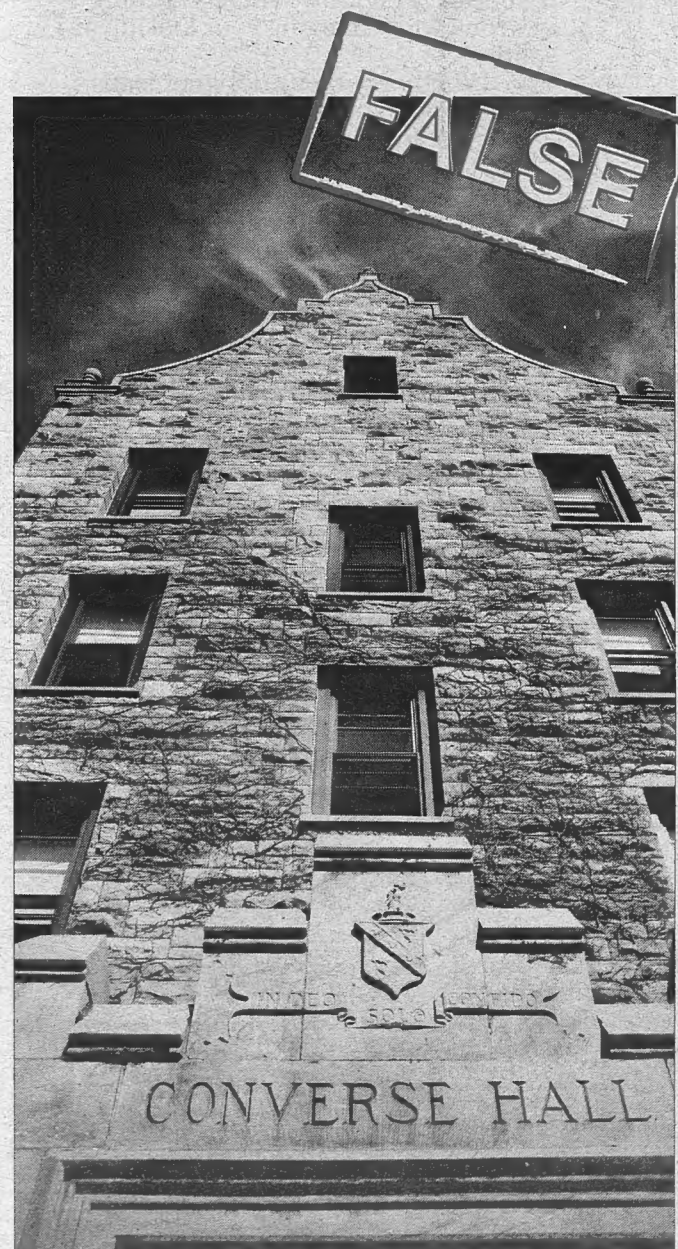


Starting a new year means new classes, new dorm rooms and a whole new generation of students learning the myths and legends of UVM. While these rumors are generally entertaining, they are also not always entirely plausible. After much debate over these myths, we at *The Cynic* decided to investigate and figure out once and for all just which stories are true and which were most likely made up in the halls of Harris-Millis.

# Freshman, phantoms & fallacies



ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | *The Vermont Cynic*



*Freshmen were once not allowed to be on the college green.*

**True.** According to *University of Vermont* by John Thomas, a set of unwritten laws originating around 1900, which were commonly known as 'Freshman Rules,' kept first-year students from using the college lawns (above).

Freshmen were also required to remain seated until upperclassmen left the room, to wear beanies and to avoid the north side of College Street. The Rules were generally disregarded in the 1960s.

*The Davis Center is the largest building in Vermont.*

**False.** At 186,000 square feet, the Davis Center is indeed the largest building on UVM's campus, according to the UVM Davis Center website. However, Middlebury College's McCardell Bicentennial Hall measures in at 220,000 square feet, solidly beating out the UVM student center.

The Davis Center does, however, have a claim to Vermont building fame: the stairway leading up the side of the atrium is the widest in the state.

*The water in the water tower on campus was filled with Jell-O by engineering students.*

**False.** The story goes that a group of senior engineering students once figured out how much Jell-O would be needed to turn the water in the water tower (near left) entirely into a fruity desert.

Their prank supposedly wreaked havoc on the Burlington water system, prompting the University to install the tall, imposing fences that can now be seen around the two towers on campus.

Unfortunately, this mischief seems to be entirely fabricated. There is no recorded account of this event ever actually occurring.

*Converse Hall is haunted.*

**False.** According to legend, in the early 1920s, a UVM medical student by the name of Henry L. Means hanged himself from the stairs to the attic of Converse Hall (far left) following final exams.

Whether his ghost haunts these halls is still debated, but plenty of Converse residents stand by Henry's existence.



## THE STEERING COLUMN (IN SWEDEN)



ANDREW COLLINS

## In a land without cars ... for a change

"If you see a wolf," the blond-haired, blue-eyed Swede said, handing me my rental snowshoes, "there are probably a lot more you don't see."

I raised an eyebrow and paused, my Visa card hovering halfway out of my wallet.

"Only kidding, have fun out there."

Thus began the first of my three days mountaineering around Kebnekaise, the tallest peak in Sweden, well above the Arctic Circle at latitude 68°N.

Living in Stockholm for the semester had been going well enough, but after a few months I was eager to break out of the concrete car-ridden jungle and see some real wilderness.

After a few Google searches of "most remote + Sweden," I had my spring break booked at the Svenska Turistföreningen Fjällstation (Swedish Touring Club Mountain Lodge) at Kebnekaise.

Nineteen kilometers from the nearest road, and so far north that diesel fuel turns to jelly, it would be as far from the motoring world as I had ever been.

Every waypoint en route to the mountain made it more apparent that I was getting exactly what I wanted: far away.

When I finally reached the cabin, words hardly did justice to the awesomeness of what I saw.

Pure snow covered an infinite expanse of rocky peaks and frozen lakes, and my body was paralyzed in the position I had been sitting in on the very chilly ride.

I decided I would spend the first snowshoeing, the second downhill skiing and the third cross-country skiing. The lodge rents all this to you for a reasonable fee, and the staff was very helpful in suggesting routes and activities.

With map, snacks (mostly stolen from the breakfast buffet) and water stuffed in the pockets of my Carhartts, I trekked out into the tundra.

Once I could no longer see the cabin, I was surrounded by the greatest void of humanity I had ever experienced – I was into the wild! There was no sign of humans beyond what I was carrying and a deafening silence punctuated only by my skis gliding over the snow.

I ended each day loosening up in the sauna with my fellow adventurers, then swapping stories over slabs of reindeer meat and pints of beer so dark I thought it might be used to keep the snowmobiles lubricated.

Departure was bittersweet, but at least I was returning to the city with a clear head, fresh air in my lungs and the knowledge that modern transportation (phew!) was coming back into my life.

Kebnekaise may be a bit too far to return to, but I know I'll be trying to recreate the experience this winter in Vermont.



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD  
| The Vermont Cynic

Sophomore Katie Gioia (left) and senior Cindy Amoako (right) find a comfortable and classy style that is perfect for any occasion, from sitting outside in the sun to a fun and flirty fall outfit.

## Not-quite-Fall fashions for the adventurous

We all know that during the first month or so of school Burlington weather begins to get finicky.

Those in-between temperatures can be a curse or a blessing – those times when it's too cool to go to the beach but too warm to bundle up.

A whole new wardrobe for fall is not the solution, plus financially strapped students don't usually have that option. Conveniently, all these summer-fall fusion items can be found at less expensive stores like Marshalls.

Here is a simple way to update your summer staples with little lukewarm add-ons.

### cardigans

For those days when the sun is shining but Champlain winds are whipping, cardigans are the solution.

Face it – cardigans aren't just for Granny anymore.

Celebrities like Kanye West are sporting them, making it easy for guys and girls alike to be comfortable.

The combination of a simple tank top and cardigan can take your outfit from zero to 60 and make you look very pulled together. Try different color combinations to stand out... or to blend in with the changing scenery, whichever way you see it.

### denim jackets

Jean jackets are making a comeback – a classic option for those chillier nights.

Fashion faux-pas: wearing a denim jacket with jeans of a different shade.

Try wearing bottoms with a pattern, such as a conductor print, instead of jeans to avoid looking like you're in a denim jumpsuit.

### bomber jackets

Usually a little warmer and puffier, these jackets go with almost anything.

They're made in leather – very in this season – cotton and other materials, so you can have more than one and not look repetitive.

They can be a little on the shorter side on the ladies, but if you don't mind your midriff being exposed, go for it, or wear a longer shirt if it's a little too nippy out!

### boots

After you've put away the flip flops and sandals for good, you're not doomed to wear sneakers and rain boots everyday.

Put on those suede boots, and pair 'em with some tights and shorts – stretch out wearing shorts as long as you can! – shorts are acceptable in weather above 40 degrees in Vermont.

Charlotte Russe, which is in the Burlington Town Center right on Church Street, has great boot options for reasonable prices. You don't have to walk too far to find fashionable footwear.

While we've been sticking to the classics thus far – we don't care what anyone says – ripped jeans are stylish and can definitely be practical, especially for this summer-into-fall season.

Exposing your legs a little can keep you cool; after all, you can't wear shorts EVERY day. There's nothing wrong with changing your look up a little!

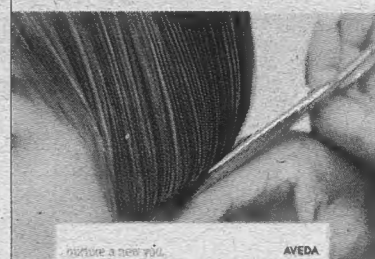
Whether you buy designer jeans that are pre-ripped or you grab an old pair and shred them yourself, you can't go wrong. Haters can find the door!

So, in essence, lovely readers, we at the Style Files say put your fashion foot forward this year and think a little outside the box.

Your options are not confined to sweatpants, Uggs or hiking boots, and it is totally possible to look great while being a college student.

Don't worry, we'll be here every other week to guide you on your swag-filled way.

salon  
**obriens**



HAIRCUTS COLOR WAXING  
FACIALS MANICURES PEDICURES

University Mall S Burlington 863-2273  
247 Main Street Burlington 658-6565  
Essex Junction Shopping Ctr 878-4554



# Campus rec shapes up

New Fitness Coordinator brings fresh ideas to program

Following its own mission statement, UVM Campus Recreation has done some body sculpting and gained muscle over the summer.

This July, Shena Faith became the new coordinator of fitness programs.

Gregg Bates, assistant athletic director and director of Campus Recreation, said that Faith was "the top choice of the search committee ... [which] consisted of Campus Recreation staff, student fitness employees and fitness participants."

Similar to the previous coordinator, Aleksandra Townsend, who added group fitness and instructional programs, along with African dance, zumba, belly dance and pilates, Faith, too, will spice up the recreation options.

Faith expressed excitement for her initiation of Iyengar yoga, a heart rate training instructional course. In addition, she will also be adding Forza, a class based in the martial arts.

The teachers for both the Iyengar yoga and Forza classes are the only individuals certified for their respective fields of expertise in all of Vermont, Faith said, giving UVM students a backstage pass to these types of fitness.

Faith recently earned her

master's degree in health and physical education from Valdosta State University (VSU) in Georgia, where she also worked as the graduate assistant of Fitness and Wellness before she was offered the position at UVM.

Prior to her assistantship at VSU, Faith said that she taught exercise classes and worked as a nutrition consultant, personal trainer

**Her ultimate goal is to reach out to those who do not embrace exercise and its values.**

and weight room supervisor.

With a philosophy that fitness and exercise is for everyone, Faith said her ultimate goal is to reach out to those who do not embrace exercise and its values.

"We all need to be active in order to live a full and complete life," she said. "Recreation programs offer a great deal to help enhance development [toward this goal]."

When Townsend became fitness coordinator two years ago, the fitness program was

still relatively new and has been growing ever since, Bates said.

Consequently, he said that Faith will be able to contribute new ideas and instructional programs that, he hopes, "will enhance the quality of the current programs."

Larry Mellinger, assistant director of programs of Campus Recreation, agreed whole-heartedly.

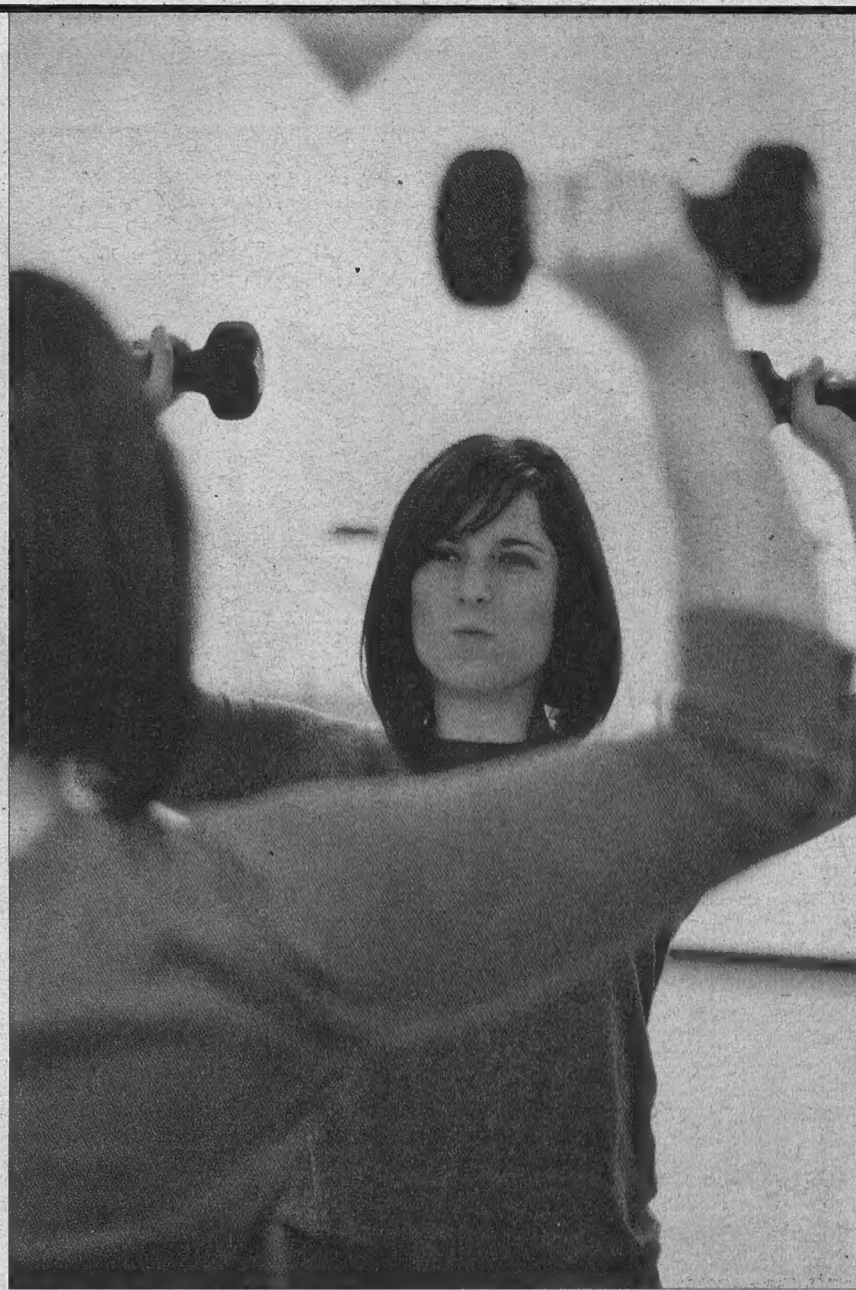
"Shena's expertise in group exercise and her student-centered approach will allow her to provide a diverse range of cutting edge classes for the campus community," he said.

Tim Lewis, assistant director of operations in Campus Recreation, is also optimistic toward the future of the department.

"I hope Shena will continue to offer the outstanding mind and body programs we have developed ... while adding some of her own ... ideas," he said.

Faith admitted that she already loves Vermont and is excited to learn more about the fitness program, UVM and the students.

"College is an extremely important time for development in a person's life," she said. "I want to provide students with opportunities to learn and grow."



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

New Campus Rec Coordinator Shena Faith is ready to do some heavy lifting in and out of her office.

## art.

sculpture. photography. painting.  
your work of art.

our  
my  
your **DC**

## info.

maps. tickets. directions. events.  
your information desk.

our  
my  
your **DC**

## get involved.

student life. sga. clubs. orgs. d & e.

our  
my  
your **DC**

## play.

pool. foosball. wii. events. games.

our  
my  
your **DC**

## eat.

falafel. salad. wraps. burgers. local.

our  
my  
your **DC**

## study.

wi-fi. lounges. coffee.

our  
my  
your **DC**



# WEEK of WELCOME

**AUG 28**

Around the World Party  
10pm-1am (DC)

**AUG 29**

Class of 2013 Picnic  
12-2pm (CBW Green)

Game Night  
Rubik's Cube Challenge  
10pm (DC 1st floor)

Star Trek (2009)  
12am (midnight)  
(CBW Green) Rain Site:  
Grand Maple Ballroom

**AUG 30**

DC Open House  
After convocation (DC)

**AUG 31**

Arts & Crafts Night  
8pm-11pm  
(Mt. Mansfield Room)

**SEPT 1**

Slam Poet: Asia  
8pm (Sugar Maple Ballroom)

**SEPT 2**

Localvore Dinner  
6pm (DC Grand Maple Ballroom)

**SEPT 3**

Party on the Green  
with the Greeks  
6pm-9pm (DC Amphitheater)

**SEPT 4**

Blacklight Party  
10pm-1am (DC 4th floor)

**SEPT 5**

Field Day  
2pm-4pm (CBW Green)  
Rain Site: Patrick Gym

**SEPT 6**

North Beach BBQ  
11am-3pm

Sunset Northern Lights  
Cruise (King Street Dock)  
6:15pm-8pm

**SEPT 7**

Labor Day Comedy Show  
featuring Kristen Schaal  
8pm (Patrick Gym)



Crossword puzzle

ACROSS

- 1- Submerge
- 7- Early hrs.
- 10- Back talk
- 14- Leather covering for the ankle
- 15- Portable bed
- 16- First name in scat
- 17- Swiss city
- 18- Actor Gulager
- 19- Split
- 20- Nerve structure of an organism
- 23- Elected
- 26- Neighbor of Leb.
- 27- More recent
- 28- Actress Petty
- 29- Choose
- 30- Big bang cause
- 31- Fishermen
- 33- Former coin of France
- 34- Give one star, say
- 37- Large body of water
- 38- According to
- 39- Loss leader?
- 40- Biblical high priest
- 41- Nine-digit ID
- 42- Plant
- 43- Tuneful
- 45- Little drink
- 46- "Losing My Religion" band
- 47- Social standing
- 48- Room
- 51- A mouse!

- 52- Runs without moving
- 53- Pool where animals drink
- 56- \_\_\_\_\_ impasse
- 57- Genetic messenger
- 58- Recluse
- 62- Nothing more than
- 63- Belonging to us
- 64- Harmful intent
- 65- Coloured part of the eye
- 66- El \_\_\_\_\_ (Spanish hero)
- 67- Tool for cutting grass;

DOWN

- 1- Early bird?
- 2- Not for a Scot
- 3- Martini liquor
- 4- Kitchen vessel
- 5- Embankment
- 6- German Mrs
- 7- Confront boldly
- 8- Tooth
- 9- Astound
- 10- Stanza of six lines
- 11- Permit
- 12- Thin glutinous mud
- 13- Lustful deity
- 21- Saw for cutting wood with the grain
- 22- Yearly
- 23- Category
- 24- Sharpens
- 25- Church instrument
- 29- Lowermost deck
- 30- Emblem
- 32- Simpler

- 33- 15th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 34- Foot-operated lever
- 35- Dress style
- 36- Notches
- 44- Well-behaved
- 45- Views
- 46- Esteem
- 48- Hindu religious teacher
- 49- Mum's mate
- 50- Pong maker
- 51- Affectation of sophisticates
- 52- Pertaining to the small intestine
- 54- Camaro model
- 55- Resistance units
- 59- Cambridge sch.
- 60- \_\_\_\_\_ bin ein Berliner
- 61- Driving aid

Crossword provided by bestcrosswords.com

Sudoku

4	6					2	5	
		8	3	7		4		
7				6	2		3	1
		4	2					5
	3		8		6		4	
9					1	7		
6	5		7	1				8
		2		5	3	6		
	4	1					7	9

Easy

1					2			
		6	1			2		
	4		5		8			9
8		2					9	
	3						5	
	6					7		8
5			4		1		6	
		1			3	9		
			6					5

Hard

DISTRACTIONS

my anti-boredom.  
cynic@uvm.edu

3	4	1	0	5	8	2	1	0
8	1	5	0	2	3	0	1	4
0	2	0	1	1	4	3	5	8
0	5	0	2	4	1	1	8	3
2	3	1	8	0	0	1	4	5
1	8	4	5	3	1	0	0	2
1	0	2	4	0	5	8	3	1
5	1	8	3	1	2	4	0	0
4	0	3	1	8	0	5	2	1

3	0	4	0	5	1	8	1	2
0	5	1	8	2	3	0	1	4
2	1	8	4	0	1	3	0	5
4	0	2	3	1	0	1	5	8
1	3	0	5	8	0	4	2	1
8	1	5	1	4	2	0	0	3
5	4	1	2	0	8	1	3	0
0	2	0	1	3	4	5	8	1
1	8	3	0	1	5	2	4	0



9.1-9.7

mon

OPEN MIC NIGHT  
6 p.m.  
Radio Bean

thur

THE VACANT LOTS  
(GARAGE ROCK)  
10 p.m.  
Radio Bean

SOMETHING WITH  
STRINGS  
(FOLK, BLUEGRASS)  
9 p.m.  
Monkey House  
Winooski

fri

"SUMMER  
PORTRAITS": SMALL  
PAINTINGS AND  
COLLAGES BY UVM  
ART STUDENT GRACE  
WEAVER  
5 p.m.  
The Monkey House  
Winooski

"SILVER SLIVERS -  
PORTUGAL: POEPL  
AND PLACES"  
OPENING RECEPTION  
5 p.m.  
215 College St. Gallery

# South End art party returns

Local artists display their latest inspirations in a union of creativity at the 17th annual Art Hop, coming to Burlington this September 11 and 12



The Vermont Cynic Archives

Art is displayed around town during 2007's Art Hop in Burlington. Vermont boasts one of the best art hops on the East Coast.

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

The South End Art Hop, on September 11 and 12, brings together hundreds of artists from Burlington and beyond.

In interesting venues throughout Burlington's South End, artists showcase their work and, according to chair of the Art Hop Mark Waskow, generate "the wonderful energy that comes from the fusion of art and commerce for the attendees to enjoy."

With art displayed everywhere from, as Waskow said, "a delicatessen to a place that makes brass candlesticks," the Art Hop is beneficial for both artists and the people who attend.

The Hop provides business to local artists and a social event for the Burlington community.

"It's exciting because it's an opening and it's a way of talking to people. It's also a great way to generate revenue," artist Aaron Stein, who uses license plates as

a medium and is participating in the Art Hop this year, said.

"It's been nothing but positive," Vermont artist and veteran of the Art Hop John Brickels said. "It's really good exposure."

Nancy Dwyer, a professor in the art department at UVM and an artist herself, commonly has her students attend the Art Hop.

"It's a really excellent activity because it shows students how many people are making art in their community," Dwyer said. "[Typically], art can be pretty isolated."

For students studying art, the Art Hop is a great opportunity. "It's a great way of students seeing real art work instead of reproductions of famous art," Dwyer said.

Furthermore, the Art Hop is a good introduction for young artists looking to join the art community.

"It's the best venue for artists who are just starting out," Brickels said. "The South End ... is the event to get your feet wet."

However, artists are quick to point out that participants in the Art Hop do not get the full attendee experience.

Aaron Stein has not shown work at the Art Hop in the past three years. "Taking a few years off, I got to just enjoy it," Stein said. "It's such a different experience as a participant."

Stein has participated in it in the past, and he remembers when it began.

"They used to put an actual rail car right on the tracks and there was the show and it was for one night," Stein said, "and then it has just grown over the years."

This is the 17th annual Art Hop, and "every year it grows and gets more refined," Waskow said.

"The feeling is overwhelming and wonderful," Waskow said, "you can't see everything in one day."

"It's gotten to be so big and wonderful and there's so much diversity that you can't see it in one night — so don't try," Stein said.

The Art Hop serves a great purpose for the Burlington arts community, providing exposure for artists and to students and community members.

But in the end, that's not all that the Art Hop is about.

"Meander through and have a good time," Stein said. "If you stick to a schedule and try to see everything, you'll drive yourself crazy."

It's more of an experience than anything," Stein said. "It becomes a party that goes into the night."

In fact, Brickels, Stein and Dwyer all described the Art Hop as a party, emphasizing heavily the experience of the event.

"It's about whatever you want it to be," Waskow said. "It's about 40,000 people coming to look at art and enjoying it."

"It's about all the artists, it's about the merchants — that's the fusion of commerce and culture," Waskow said.

## Upcoming movie releases



**"Gamer" 9/4/09::** A thriller set in the future where humans control other humans in mass-scale, multi-player online games

**"Extract" 9/4/09::** Mike Judge, the creator of "Office Space," tells the tale of a new mediocre worker and his myriad of problems

**"All About Steve" 9/4/09::** The story of an eccentric crossword puzzle constructor who follows her "true love" across the country

**"9" 9/9/09::** A Tim Burton animated adventure involving a creature trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic world

Delta Delta Delta's

charity  
**DENIM**

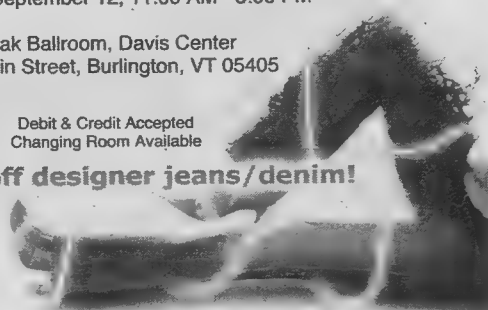
Proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital

Saturday, September 12, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Livak Ballroom, Davis Center  
590 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05405

Debit & Credit Accepted  
Changing Room Available

40-60% off designer jeans/denim!





# September's anticipated CD releases

album review

## "Humbug" entertains fans without pretense

By Alison Stout  
Staff Writer

After two incredibly long and painful years, Britain's beloved Arctic Monkeys have finally released their third album, "Humbug."

True to form, the new album, out August 25 in the States, is as different from the first two as the albums were from each other.

It is obvious that the Arctic Monkeys' music is maturing and evolving along with the four-some.

The music on their new album is darker, accompanied by lyrics that no longer involve social commentary on the band's working-class upbringing and industrial hometown of Sheffield, England.

The Arctic Monkeys' music has gotten less raw with each incarnation, and it seems as if the band is losing touch with its British roots — an initially attractive group for many devoted fans.

Thankfully, lead singer, songwriter and guitarist Alex Turner's strong Yorkshire accent still resonates as powerfully as it has in past albums.

The album was recorded in California and produced by Queens of the Stone Age founder and frontman Josh Homme — a collaboration that has played a role in the Americanization of the band.

Turner's side project with The Rascals' Miles Kane, The Last Shadow Puppets, also has clearly influenced his work on Humbug. The Last Shadow Puppets' album, "The Age of the Understatement," features a much

darker and more dramatic sound than Turner's usual musical ventures.

Long gone are their days of storytelling about nights out and prostitutes through songs like "From the Ritz to the Rubble" and "When the Sun Goes Down" off the album "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not."

The group has progressed to more philosophical lyrics that no longer involve the common everyday activities of British youth.

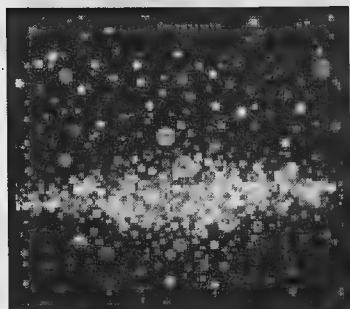
Those looking for songs similar to "The View from the Afternoon," from the group's first album "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not," and "Brianstorm," from their second effort, "Favourite Worst Nightmare," may be disappointed at the lack of raucous tracks in "Humbug."

However, fans of "Favourite Worst Nightmare's" gentle "505" will be quite content with tracks like "Cornerstone" and "Fire and the Thud."

Ultimately, Arctic Monkeys have again succeeded incredibly well at providing fans, both old and new, with an interesting and original mix of songs that only improves with multiple plays.

Although no massive nightclub hits, like "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor," can be found on "Humbug," it's easy to envision tunes such as "Crying Lightning" (the album's first single) playing in bars and pubs across the United Kingdom, Europe and the U.S. as well.

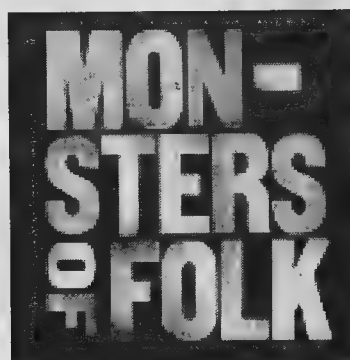
Rating, out of five



"Joy,"  
Phish 9/8

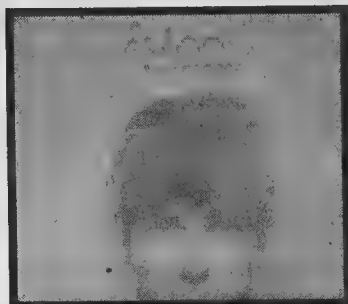


"The  
Resistance,"  
Muse 9/15

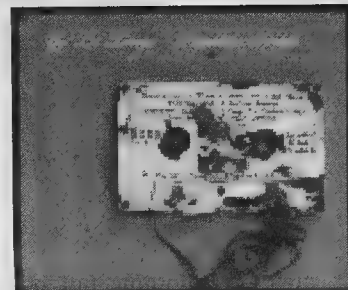


"s/t," Monsters of  
Folk (Jim James,  
Conor Oberst  
and M. Ward)


9/22



"Vapours,"  
Islands 9/22



"Popular Songs,"  
Yo La Tengo 9/8



## CONGRATULATIONS

### UVM GREEK LIFE

### 08-09 TOP CHAPTERS

## GOLD & GREEN

Kappa Sigma & Pi Beta Phi

Sigma Phi Epsilon & Alpha Chi Omega

Phi Delta Theta & Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Gamma Rho

Phi Gamma Delta & Pi Kappa Alpha



# THE SHACK

DID THE HOMEWORK SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

**boostmobile**  
\$129<sup>99</sup>  
Boost Motorola  
Clutch™ i465  
\$50/mo. unlimited  
nationwide talk, text,  
Web and walkie-talkie.▼  
17-4429

**SanDisk**  
\$20<sup>99</sup>  
8GB USB  
Flash Drive  
25-1110

**PLANTRONICS** Bluetooth  
SAVE \$10  
\$29<sup>99</sup>  
Plantronics E230  
Bluetooth® Headset  
17-3662 Reg. 39.99.



**sansa**  
\$64<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$15  
Expandable 4GB  
Sansa® Fuze  
• FM tuner  
• Slot for microSD  
card  
42-399 Reg. 79.99.

**\$34<sup>99</sup>**  
AUVIO™ In-Ear Headset  
with Microphone  
33-267

Offers good through 9/5/09. Availability may vary by store. See store for details.  
▼Monthly Limited Plan includes domestic voice calling, walkie-talkie services, Web/text messages, picture and MMS/Audio messages. Additional charges apply for international services/messages. Other restrictions apply. See in-store materials or boostmobile.com for details. ©2009 Boost Worldwide, Inc. All rights reserved. Boost, Boost Mobile and the logo are trademarks of Boost. MOTOROLA and the Stylized M are registered trademarks of Motorola, Inc. All other marks are the property of their respective owners.

VISIT A RADIOSHACK STORE NEAR YOUR CAMPUS.

University Mall  
South Burlington  
Ph: 802-658-4839





**NATHACHA CAMILLE** | The Vermont Cynic  
Junior Courtney Pilypaitis (33) played for the Canadian World University this summer while playing internationally in Serbia.

## Summer sports review

**While you were tanning, UVM athletes were hard at work**

by Diana Giunta

It was a busy summer for Catamount athletics as student-athletes and coaches of the past and present garnered recognition for their achievements and continued to represent themselves and UVM.

### Courtney Pilypaitis is named to Canada's World University Team

Women's basketball senior guard Courtney Pilypaitis was named to Canada's World University team as one of 11 members that is made up of a combination of Canadian Interuniversity Sport players and Canadian NCAA players. Canada competed in the World University tournament in Belgrade, Serbia.

The tournament took place from July 1-12 with Canada finishing 15th overall with a 2-5 record.

This was Pilypaitis's third time playing with the Canadian team while a student-athlete at UVM.

### UVM wins the America East Academic Cup

Vermont has won the America East Academic Cup for the fifth consecutive year. The student-athletes posted a 3.14 cumulative grade-point average for the year.

Of the seven schools in America East, UVM is the only school to win the award for five straight years.

### Student hockey alums get recognized, signed

As for the men's hockey team, UVM graduate John Leclair was selected for the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

A native of St. Albans, Vt., Leclair played in 16 NHL seasons with the Montreal Canadiens, Philadelphia Flyers, and



**JOSH LEE** | The Vermont Cynic  
Last season's captain Dean Strong (8) found an opportunity to play for the Worcester Sharks

Pittsburgh Penguins. He played in five straight NHL All-Star games and went to the Olympics in 1998 and 2002.

While playing for UVM, Leclair scored 56 goals with 60 assists in 92 games. With his help, the Catamounts made it to their first NCAA tournament.

In other hockey news, recent graduates Dean Strong and Peter

### Former Cat shines as MLL All-Star

Former Catamount men's lacrosse goalie Mike Gabel played and got a win in the Major League Lacrosse All-Star Game in Denver Colorado.

Gabel made nine saves in the game, which was televised on ESPN2.

Gabel was a captain of the lacrosse team while at UVM and his career goals against average of 7.96 is first all-time at Vermont. Gabel now plays for the Chicago Machine.

### Sharon Dawley selected for New England Basketball Hall of Fame

Sharon Dawley, head coach of the UVM women's basketball team, is to be inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame on October 9 as one of two coaches in the Division 1 College Women's Coaches category.

Dawley reached her 100th career win last season with a career record of 101-79.

It will be her seventh season.

Lenes both signed with teams outside of Vermont.

Lenes signed with the Ontario Reign, an affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings while Strong signed with the Worcester Sharks, an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks.

The former captain and assistant captain were instrumental in Vermont's run to the Frozen Four last season.

### UVM Athletic Hall of Fame to have six new members

Six new members will be inducted into UVM's athletic Hall of Fame from a variety of different teams.

Gordon Allen '97 who played for the men's lacrosse team was third all-time in career points and assists and was tied for third all-time in career goals.

During his career at UVM, Allen was one of only six players to score 100 or more goals and in his senior season he led the team with 68 points.

Ethan Barlow '96 of the baseball team graduated as the leader in total bases, triples, games played and runs scored. He set UVM records for batting average and on-base percentage.

From the men's basketball team, Erik Nelson '98 was 12th all-time in scoring, second in blocked shots, third in rebounds, third in field goal percentage and fifth in steals.

Nelson was a member of the team during its first 20 years in America East and led the Cats to a third place finish in the conference during his senior season. This was the team's

best finish during those first 20 years.

Brooke Taft Robbins '90 was a member of the women's gymnastics team. She was a four-time MVP of the team and led the Catamounts to their first ECAC postseason championship.

At the time of her graduation, she held the all-time top score in floor exercise, balance beam, vault and uneven bars. Robbins also held the top all-around score which is still in the top ten at UVM.

Lori Taylor '98 of the women's basketball team was the all-time leader in assists and three-point field goals at the time of her graduation.

She was eighth all-time in scoring with 1,112 points and was named to the America East All-Conference Third Team in her senior season.

Laurie Woelfel '97 was a member of the women's swim team. She is the only member of the team to win an America East individual title in the breaststroke. She held the school record in both the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke events at the time of her graduation. Her record times stood for more than 10 years.



**NATHACHA CAMILLE** | The Vermont Cynic  
Former Catamount Pete Lenos (3) will play for the Ontario Reign of the ECHL.

## Cross country driven to improve

By Zach Parker  
Senior Staff Writer

After finishing 16th out of 34 teams at last season's NCAA Northeast Regionals, the Vermont women's cross country team will look to build on that success.

The men's squad, which finished 21st out of 33 teams, will look for an even greater level of improvement.

Neither team will have to

look far, however, as both teams have a proven performer who can certainly lead the way with their skilled running.

On the women's side, senior Aly Millett returns following a junior campaign in which she placed in the top 10 in three out of her five races, a performance which earned her a spot on the America East All-Conference team.

This success followed a 2007

season in which Millett was named to the All-New England team at season's end.

As for the men's team, they will look to senior Doug Maisey, who not only placed in the top 10 in all five races he competed in, but also was the top-placing Vermont runner in each of these races as well.

Maisey also earned All-Conference honors following a 10th place finish at the America

East Championships.

Each of these combined performances also earned Maisey a spot on the All-New England team.

With a stable of young runners behind Maisey and Millett, both the men's and women's cross-country teams will look to turn some heads and make some noise not only within the conference but throughout the Northeast in 2009.





ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

Men's rugby club practices during an early session last season. The team has been nationally ranked for the past three seasons.

## Men's Rugby is UVM's unknown powerhouse

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

One of the best kept secrets at UVM is the prowess of its men's rugby team, which has been ranked nationally in Division II for the past three seasons.

The club could arguably be called a powerhouse within its division, yet it remains a hidden gem within the Green Mountain community.

And now that the semester has kicked off, the rugby squad is

back at it, gearing up for another run at a national championship.

The team, which has plenty of depth, didn't face heavy losses from the graduation of last year's senior class. The team has replacements who are more than ready to step in, according to senior captain Jack Bates.

"We only lost three of our seniors on the starting 15," Bates said. "We should have guys that can come in and step up."

Head coach Declan Connolly

agreed, emphasizing the depth of the group of forwards that the team will feature this year.

"The last couple years we've been so deep, so the guys we did lose, we anticipated that so we have guys from last year that should be able to step in."

Though the team has solid plenty of bodies at forward, there is a concern about lack of depth on the wings. Connolly is hoping that new members trying out this year can address certain holes in

the backfield.

"We're hoping to get a little injection of speed," Connolly said. "Every year we pick up two or three guys, so if we could get a little more speed, it would solve a lot of issues for us."

The Catamounts will rely heavily on veteran senior Charlie Powell to hold down the backfield and provide leadership to newcomers.

"He can really take charge and direct things back there," Bates

said of Powell.

Given that speed is a question mark for the group, Connolly says the team will lean on the big fellas up front for production.

"The difficulty is that you can't coach speed, so what we've done is have a very organized, strategic game that's played back to our strength in the forwards," Connolly said.

The rugby club will take these strengths to the pitch in its opening match on Sept. 19 against defending national champion Middlebury College.

Though Middlebury has won the past two out of three national championships, Vermont is known to play them tough and be close to matching them in skill.

Bates called the matchup the "biggest hurdle of the season" but added that the game will help give the team an idea of where it is and where improvements must be made.

"They've always been our Achilles heel," Connolly said. "And it's always a great game, but has been a disappointment for us the past few years."

UVM's tough play against Middlebury and its consistent national ranking gives evidence to the hidden talent that lies in the club which makes aiming for the top a realistic goal for the team.

"It'd be nice to go to the national championship. I think that we've proved last year that we could by beating quite a few teams who got there but then in the playoffs when it counts, we fell apart," Bates said. "We think it's possible if we keep our heads in the game."

## Women's soccer looks to turn the corner with new talent, new system

Lady Cats picked eighth in coaches' preseason poll, looking to surprise

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

Second-year women's soccer head coach Kwame Lloyd enters the 2009 season facing many challenges if he hopes to improve on the seventh place finish from last season.

But with the help of his senior leaders and a talented freshman class, which boasts 13 players, the program could be on the upswing.

The Lady Cats have only 14 returning players, but Lloyd is confident that the team can develop good chemistry between the newcomers and the veterans.

In the offseason, Lloyd said the coaches "did a lot with the 14 returning players to encourage them to take on leadership roles in different ways."

"The senior class has done a tremendous job with communicating with [the freshman class] throughout the summer. So when the 13 new players came in, there wasn't a huge gap."

Lloyd credits the improved communication to social networking such as Facebook, MySpace and text messaging, which helped keep the players in contact throughout the summer.

Senior captain Carson Laderoute agreed that the team's communication has led to a cohesiveness that she has not

seen in her previous three seasons at UVM.

"Our team chemistry is the best it's been since I've been here," Laderoute said.

But as motivated as the team is, the outside perspective is not as warm. Evidence lies in the preseason polls where the Catamounts were picked to finish eighth out of the nine teams in the America East.

Lloyd agreed with the current ranking of his team, but also knows the potential of his group more than poll voters.

"It's the right pick for the teams and history we've had. But we know we can only go forward from where we are," he said.

Laderoute says the low ranking only motivates the team to play even harder and to prove doubters wrong.

Both Lloyd and Laderoute know improvement is forthcoming, especially with the new system that the team has implanted under Lloyd.

"We're trying to become more of a possession team and a team that attacks with numbers," Lloyd said. "We take a lot of chances getting forward and putting points on the board."

Lloyd also emphasized the importance of each player knowing their own role and he wants each player to be able to play multiple roles on the field.

After having one season of



ANDRE MALERBA | The Vermont Cynic

Junior Jessica Becker (5) dribbles around a defender in a game last fall. Becker, who made the A-East All-Rookie team in 2007, will be on of the top returning goal scorers from last season.

Lloyd's system under their belts, the 14 returnees must help the newcomers adapt to the system.

"We've been trying to teach them as much as possible and be mentors out on the field for them," Laderoute said.

Now with the infusion of new talent and system, Lloyd has higher expectations for this year's squad.

"I want to finish in the top half as the conference and establish ourselves as a regional powerhouse," Lloyd said. "We know we're not that far away."

### Players to watch

Senior and captain forward **Carson Laderoute** led the team in scoring past three. Senior goalkeeper **Eliza Bradley** is third in all-time saves. Junior forward **Jessica Becker** played for the 2007 A-East All Rookie Team.

### Key match-ups

Pay attention to these games for serious soccer action

@ Villanova, Sept. 11  
@ Boston U, Oct. 8  
vs. Stony Brook, Oct. 11  
@ Hartford, Oct. 25





LIFE

UVM grad wins reality cooking show  
"The Next Food Network Star."

6

SPORTS

Field hockey prepares to host Sheraton  
Cataamount Classic.

11

ARTS

Junior Grace Weaver  
displays her portraits  
in an exhibit at The  
Monkey House

8

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, September 8, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 2 | Burlington, Vermont

## Same sex, less marriage

Marriage legalization brings in fewer couples than civil unions at Burlington's Town Hall

By Jessica Bartlett  
Managing Editor

Town Hall was particularly quiet the afternoon of Sept. 1, the tile floors echoing the silence on what was otherwise a historic day in Vermont.

It was the first day same-sex couples could be married.

"I think the excitement was

Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force, Beth Robinson, who has been working towards marriage equality for 15 years.

"I felt a tremendous sense of relief," she said about when she first heard the news that same-sex marriage was legal.

Although the turnout has not been what it was with civil unions, her hopes for the rest of

"I said to Cori, 'oh my gosh I'm really nervous.' It's vulnerable," she said. "You're standing in front of people. You're putting your heart out there. It certainly wasn't about the commitment, more about the special moment," she said.

Williams added that, although the ceremony wasn't about sending a message, it did

"I think it's an opportunity to have a scholarly consideration of it," she said. "And then it's for the activists — to reflect on the data we give them, considering where the next state would be to have this kind of success."

Thinking ahead is something many who have been fighting for same-sex marriage have been doing lately.



past when the legislation got approved [in April]," assistant chief administrative officer at Burlington's Town Hall Ben Pacy said on Tuesday. "It's business as usual today."

By 1 p.m., only five same-sex couples went for a marriage license and as of two days later, there had only been a total of nine.

That number is very unlike the 405 commitment ceremonies conducted in July of 2000 — the first month civil unions were legal in the state.

Despite the lack of turnout, the excitement of the day was real for one of the chairs of the

the month are high.

"I think within the state, we'll see comparable numbers," Robinson said. "I think a lot of folks have done the shindig, or they're timing it so that it coincides with their civil union, to not add another anniversary to the list."

For Clair Williams and Cori Giroux, Burlington residents who were married one minute after midnight on Sept. 1, there was never a question they would have the ceremony the day of.

Despite having a commitment ceremony in Maryland three years prior, Williams described the Sept. 1 ceremony as if it were their first one.

carry larger political meaning.

"I think when you're denied something, there are political views there. We spent years in our relationship without any rights, so it affected us," she said. "But [Tuesday] was about making it special"

For Felicia Kornbluh, UVM's new director of Women's and Gender Studies, the passing of the legislation is an opportunity to have an academic discussion about the larger implications of same-sex marriage.

"The question is, why here? What does the unique situation in Vermont really teach us? I want to explore those type of questions," Kornbluh said.

"[This] is a part of the longer term struggle for federal recognition and protection," Robinson said.

Another aspect of the Robinson's task force is making sure every senator who voted for the bill gets re-elected.

Ultimately, the importance of same-sex marriage lies in the commitment many across the state are pledging to each other.

"The civil union had made a huge difference in our lives, but it does feel different. It feels really special, really great," Williams said.

## Protestors meet Kansas Baptist group outside Hillel

By Sydney Schachter and Patrick Dowd  
Cynic Correspondents

More than 100 UVM students and Burlington residents piled onto the corner of Main Street and South Prospect Street on Tuesday in order to counter protest the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), an anti-gay rights and anti-Semitic religious group.

The WBC, carrying signs expressing their anti-gay and anti-Semitic beliefs, came to Vermont to protest the first official day of the state's gay marriage legalization.

"Vermont has distinguished itself from perversion," 20-year WBC member Sam Phelps-Roper said when asked what made him protest.

Jael Phelps, and her 7-year-old cousin Luke Phelps-Roper, said that they felt obligated to share their beliefs in an attempt to save the Earth from destruction by the hands of God.

The WBC has conducted 41,226 demonstrations to date, according to the website. After Burlington, the group planned to continue protesting in New York.

Although Westboro's flashy signs drew a lot of attention, the chants of the 100 counter-protestors easily drowned out the chants of the six WBC members.

"Chant louder, we don't want to hear what they are saying," Counterprotest organizer and UVM senior Jessica Zamara said into her loudspeaker.

Some counterprotesters yelled their support, saying their presence was necessary.

"We can't let them have the camera lens to themselves," Burlington resident David Pechenick said.

Zamara agreed. "If we [only] listened, they would be getting press anyway," she said.

In an e-mail prior to the WBC appearance, SGA President Bryce Jones encouraged students not to counterprotest as it might provoke a reaction from the WBC.

The majority of counterprotesters heeded his advice by showing their silent support simply by being present.

At the end, the six protestors left Burlington without any physical altercations between the two groups.

## Student government experiences first-year rush

By Jeff Botula  
News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) reported record numbers of first-year students interested in running for the SGA.

According to Katie Rifken, chair of the public relations committee, 77 freshman students signed out packets, despite only five first-year positions being

available.

While not all of the packets will be returned, Rifken said that the number of applicants this semester exceeds even last spring's numbers for senatorial elections, where 37 seats were available.

SGA President Bryce Jones attributes the success to the energy that the class of 2013 brings.

"I've been talking to a lot

of other club leaders, and their numbers of interested first-years is more present this year," he said.

Rifken agrees. She said she believes there is a lot of enthusiasm among students to play a direct role in changing their school.

"People are realizing student government is definitely among the most effective and visible ways to do so," she said.

For a student to be on the ballot, they had to fill out the packet and then get 80 signatures over the course of the week, Jones said.

Platforms and candidate information of those who completed the 80-signature petition process are available online at the SGA website.

The election will take place on Sept. 9 and 10.

INDEX NEWS

1-3

— OPINION

4-5

— DISTRACTIONS

6

— LIFE

7

— ARTS

8-9

— SPORTS

10-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com



# A TALE OF TWO WHEELS

## AND THE JOURNEY TO GET BACK ON THEM

By Joanna Benjamin  
Asst. Managing Editor

"She's a great sport, but she'll still try to beat you," UVM senior Chris Hamlin said of friend Rose Long.

If you ask any of Long's friends, they'll likely respond with something similar; how "she isn't one to sit back and watch," or how she is "competitive as all hell," UVM cycling team president senior Lee Peters said.

While these things could be said of many student athletes, it is the reverence with which her friends speak of her that truly sets Long above the rest. One year ago to date, Long's life changed in an instant — the instant that she collided with the car of Adam Desjardin.

While traveling down Pearl Street, Long prepared to cross through the N. Union Street intersection on her bike when Desjardin failed to yield, resulting in a collision that launched Long through the air and onto the pavement.

Instead of stopping to see the outcome of the crash, Desjardin fled the scene.

One year later, Desjardin stood in a courtroom waiting for his sentence — a minimum of three to five years in prison for the hit-and-run.

"I wanted something a lot longer than five years," Long said. "When you think about three years, that's 75 percent of your time in college — think about that when considering the gravity of a three-year sentence."

"Rose's accident will always be in the front of people's minds: her family's, the team's, the community's," Hamlin said. "People will always be reminded of what happened to her."

What happened to her, and the \$500,000 of reconstructive facial surgery doesn't have to be a purely negative reminder.

"I know helmets aren't cool, but you always have to be safe and assume that a car isn't going to see you," Long said. "That one assumption ruined my life."

Burlington city leaders began many bike safety initiatives, such as the Safe Streets Collaborative, after incidents such as Long's, in hopes that providing drivers with incentives for cautious driving will help promote a more conscious driving mentality.

"Burlington is full of bad



PHOTO COURTESY OF UVM CYCLING

UVM senior Rose Long (right) finishes a cycling race in the spring of 2009. Long was back competing months after her accident.

drivers and badly planned intersections," Long said, but that doesn't excuse people being unaware of their surroundings.

"It's important for people to take their safety into their own hands," Hamlin said. "People can still cause harm and it's really important to be careful biking in a city."

"I only hope that it makes people more aware," Long said. "It's a futile battle, I know, but it's actual hell out on a bike — ask any cyclist about the times they've almost been hit by a car."

With her determination and outspoken character, Rose will always be an advocate for safety, Peters said.

Not even a scar on her face can stop Long from attracting positive attention and she remains the face of UVM cycling.

"She loves biking and all things athletic," Peters said. "Biking is the dominant sport for her and you can really tell that she cares about the whole cycling community."

Since the accident, both Peters and Hamlin noticed

an increased number of team members wearing helmets, even for the easy rides, when they weren't always used before, they said.

Within eight months of the accident, Long was back on her bike, competing in national races. While she didn't place as high as she might have liked, the fact that she was able to get back on her bike at all and compete at that level speaks volumes about her character, Peters said.

"I thought about dropping out and not coming back," Long said. "But I didn't want this to derail my life." So she returned to UVM, worn out, yet determined.

Despite city-wide improvements in bike safety — better paving and improved bike lanes, Hamlin said — Long will never have the life she once enjoyed.

"One thing people don't realize is that nothing can change the way I look now," Long said. With her interest in human psychology, she constantly notices the second glances thrown her way.

"I'm an observant person — I love the way people think and can appreciate when people glance back at me. I don't like it, but I see, acknowledge and understand that people will still look at me differently."

"I don't look normal and, though everyone is embarrassed about something with themselves, they look the way they were born to look — I don't," she said. "Even with the reconstructive surgery, it doesn't put my face back the way it was supposed to look."

"I'm trying to ignore it, but it's not too successful," Long said. "Though it helps not to think about it all the time, the fact that I have to constantly carry a hat and wear zinc oxide on my face doesn't make the day-to-day any easier."

Despite her physical changes, Long still has a unique ability to encourage participation in her teammates, Peters said.

"Though her outlook on life has certainly changed," Hamlin said, "her personality hasn't. She's still a happy-go-lucky person who can always get a smile out of people."

In addition to her glowing personality, Long's athletic ability is something that is recognized by friends and teammates alike.

"She is back with a vengeance," Peters said. "Her goal is still to win [every race] and not let something like this set her back. Even now, Rose's goal is still to win."

Today marks the one-year anniversary of UVM senior Rose Long's cycling accident. The hit-and-run collision sent shockwaves through both the campus and Burlington community, not to mention the lives of the entire Long family.

Vermont resident and driver Adam Desjardin failed to yield to Long as she crossed the street. Long collided with the passenger side of Desjardin's jeep, which sent her hurdling through the air and onto the road.

The facial injuries she sustained amounted to nearly half a million dollars in reconstructive surgery, in addition to a collapsed lung and wrist fractures.

Upon seeing the extent of the damage to Long, Desjardin left the scene of the crime, ditching both his car and license plates.

He turned himself in two days later due to numerous police tips regarding his identity. On Sept. 11, 2008, Desjardin left his arraignment free on bail.

Going into his sentencing on Aug. 28, Desjardin faced anywhere from three to five years in prison. Though he requested two years instead of three, sitting judge Patricia Zimmerman refused his plea and sentenced him to three years in prison.

He began serving his sentence immediately.

In the aftermath of Long's accident, there was an outpouring of support and assistance from the UVM community, most notably her fellow cycling team members.

The team organized a foundation to solicit donations — which are still being accepted — to help pay her medical costs.

— Dan Friedman

### BIKE SAFETY

Aside from safety helmets, helmets, traffic signaling and other forms of general bike safety, local organizations such as Local Motion, the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Collaboration and the Green Mountain Bike Club have increased their efforts to promote multiple forms of street safety.

Local Motion's "Give Respect, Get Respect" campaign created an incentive for drivers to maximize their awareness of cyclists while trailing the wheel of a car.

Deciding that offering a \$5 coupon towards movies, meals and other favorite treats, Local Motion hopes to see a reduction in bike accidents.

Local Motion also suggests reporting unsafe drivers. To report recklessness on the road, anyone can call (802) 546-2345 or volunteer to find out safety information.

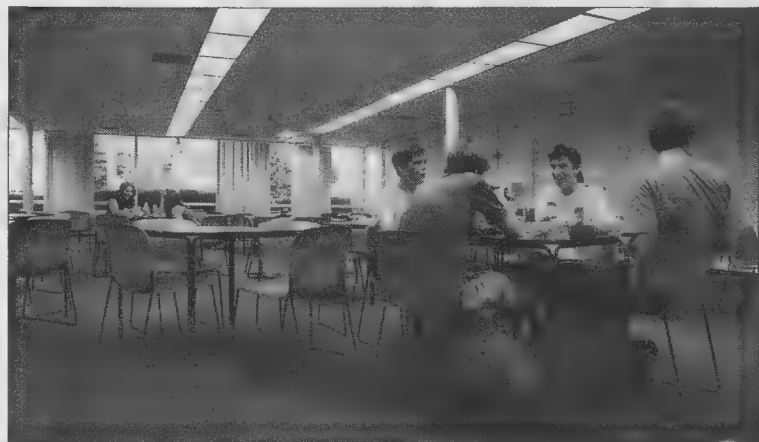
Another group that has come together to help increase bike safety awareness is the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Collaboration (VBPC), a member-supported non-profit organization.

VBPC suggests these helpful tips:

- Wear a helmet.
- Ride with traffic and avoid stop-and-go traffic.
- Use lights and one-way streets as if you were driving a car.
- Signal your intentions before you ever turn or change lanes.
- Keep your ears open for hearing traffic. Don't use an iPod or cell phone.
- Yield to pedestrians and wait before you pass. Use extra caution around kids and dogs.
- Be visible. Wear bright colors, use head and tail lights at night.
- Ride predictably — in a straight line, don't weave between parked cars or weave in and out of traffic.
- Report dangerous drivers to the police. (Description of the incident, a license plate, make, model, time and place.)
- When you are driving or in a car with someone else remember to share the road and be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists.

— Austin Stone





BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Freshmen Josh Leonard, Andrew Lieberman, Alex Blossom and Jason Katz eat in McAuley Hall's new dining room.

## Trinity dining gets closer to students

"The Deck" replaced by McAuley

By Jeff Botula  
News Editor

For the last seven years, McAuley Hall has been a semi-vacant office building. Now, it's Trinity Campus's new dining facility, the Northside Café.

Delehanty Hall's Delehanty Deck served Trinity Campus students last year, but has since reverted to the building's anthropology program.

McAuley was originally part of Trinity College, until UVM purchased all of the college's buildings in 2002. The space was totally stripped when Trinity sold it to UVM, according to University Dining Services Operations Director Ron Chasse.

During the period when Trinity College operated, the dining space beneath McAuley was the central dining hall on campus.

"It was an all-you-can eat dining hall for about 150 or so students," Chasse said.

Mandi Silk, a Trinity College

alumni who attended between the years of '86 and '90, said that, with a few exceptions, the dining hall was just like eating at home.

"We didn't have a lot of choices, it was basically what was on the menu," Silk said.

These days it's a lot more like what Delehanty was in appearance, with much of the same equipment.

Chasse said that the Northside Café now features a larger serving area, a larger drink selection and a few new pieces of equipment.

One hundred and twenty-five seats now inhabit the dining room, a space Chasse said is approximately triple the capacity of Delehanty Deck.

Looking ahead, Chasse said that there are no plans to turn the Café to a hot meal facility. Nevertheless, the cafe is always looking at ways to improve.

"We would always like to look at expanding our product line, looking at what we can do physically," he said.

## Center aims to raise cultural awareness

By Stephanie Cesario  
Cynic Correspondent

The UVM Center for Cultural Pluralism (CCP), which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, is continuing its efforts to deal with issues of culture and social justice in the university environment.

The Center was founded in January 1999 by Annie Allen, who, according to CCP Director Sherwood Smith, served as the first upper-level diversity officer at UVM.

Located in the Allen House, the organization works in close proximity with neighboring rooms in the building, including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Ally (LGBTQA) organization, the Cooperative Christian Ministry, the Hillel Jewish organization and a variety of other groups who regularly use the space for meetings.

Smith, who also serves as a professor in the College of Education and Social Services, heads the staff of three.

"The focus of the Center is to work with faculty in terms of classroom climate, in terms of curriculum, in terms of more

inclusive teaching, along with helping student groups program events, providing workshops and speakers," Smith said.

As director, Smith said he tries to help formalize the vision and the mission, along with coordinating efforts throughout the Allen House with different groups.

"I act sort of as an in-house consultant," he said.

The CCP has also collaborated with ALANA, U.S. Ethnic Studies, Global Village, Living/Learning and even the Burlington Police Department, Smith said.

Along with work involving other organizations, Smith welcomes student participation.

"There are a variety of ways students can get involved," Smith said, "and we often make it happen by partnering up with different people."

The Center collaborates with student groups that relate to social justice, as well as invites students to suggest films and speakers.

The organization is currently searching for artists to exhibit their work in the Fall Multicultural Art Shows, which are open to the public.

## UVM English Professor Philip Baruth runs for Senate seat

By Patrick LaClair  
Senior Staff Writer

Philip Baruth is a UVM English professor, the author of multiple novels and one of the most well-known political bloggers in Vermont.

But come next November, he is looking to pick up a new job — in Vermont's state legislature.

Baruth is running for one of six seats to represent Chittenden County in the state Senate. If elected to a two-year term in 2010, Baruth would enter a political arena that he has been writing about for more than a decade.

He has been writing on his blog, Vermontdailybriefing.com, since 2005, and in that time he has won three reader's choice awards from *Seven Days* for the best Vermont political blog.

Despite that success — and partly as a result of it — Baruth announced his candidacy for state Senate earlier this year. *The Cynic* sat down with him to talk about his campaign.

**VC:** How does an English professor become interested in local politics?

**PB:** I've always been interested in politics, going back to when I was a kid. But going back to Vermont in 1993 I really just got into the deepest grassroots level in politics, so I began working with candidates who were running for House and Senate.

I really began because Vermont was new to me at that point, I really began to try to learn the place through grassroots organizing.

**VC:** You are a pretty renowned, and pretty widely

read political commentator, at least locally; was it always your intention to get involved with a campaign of your own?

**PB:** I don't know if I'd say it's an intention. I mean, I think it's all part of one piece.

You know, I think people take the word activist and think about it, and images come to mind of people marching in the streets and burning effigies and really angry people who are out of touch with mainstream, normal life in Vermont. And I just don't see it that way at all.

I think activists are people who get involved on the school board, they're the people that make the city council run, they're the people who, when there is a pothole in their part of town, they pick up the phone and they get something done about it and that makes them activists.

Even if they do it over a period of time, I think they merit the title of activist. So in that sense I've been an activist for a long time.

On certain issues, I got more active as time went on. So when George Bush got elected president, that was a huge watershed moment for me, and I started a political blog because I began to feel as though I needed some outlet every single day.

And so I named it the Vermont Daily Briefing on purpose, because I wanted it to be a daily counterpoint to what was coming out of Washington.

And so that kind of activation that a lot of people experienced between the years 2000 and 2004, that is the basis of it.

But then once I put that



Philip Baruth

political blog up, an amazing thing happened: it immediately selected for me the technology, selected for me a kind of readership and activist base around the state, but mostly in Chittenden County.

And those people all have issues that they were concerned about, some issues the same as mine, and others that I had never really thought that much about.

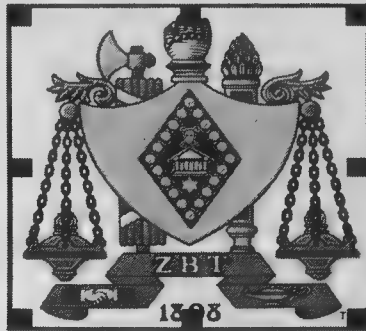
**VC:** Beyond that, briefly, what are the pillars of your campaign?

**PB:** I start from what I think of as a symptom, and it is a statistic, but it is a symptom of a larger problem. The statistic is that, since 1990, Vermont has lost a huge number of its 20- to 34-year-olds. We've lost one-in-five, 20 percent, since that time.

For the complete interview, check out [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

## ZETA BETA TAU FRATERNITY

Is looking for men that want to be  
"Founding Fathers!"



ZBT, founded as the nation's first Jewish fraternity now open to all Men of Good Moral Character, wants YOU! Leave a legacy and become a Founding Father by starting a NEW non-pledging fraternity at the University of Vermont.

For more information, please contact Ben at  
317-258-3307 or [zbt@zbtnational.org](mailto:zbt@zbtnational.org).

He's on campus now!!!



[www.ZBT.org](http://www.ZBT.org)



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
agbecker@uvm.edu

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie  
Ida (Features), Diana Giunta  
(Sports)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda  
Hayward, Katie Knee

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Stephen Hudecek, Claire  
Eaton, Ally Perleoni, Kruti  
Kansara, Rachel Bowker,  
Brendan Buckless, Bria-Leigh  
Yazic, Joe Martin

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

Keeping  
freshmen  
car free

Freshmen may have been disappointed to find out that UVM's parking permit policy restricts any student who has been on campus for less than two semesters from obtaining a parking permit.

While many in the class of 2013 may argue that this policy is unfair, we, as former car-less freshmen, can illuminate the benefits of not having a car that may not be clearly stated in UVM's policy.

First, without cars, students become familiar with the vibrant campus.

In walking to classes, freshmen get to explore the many University facilities, not to mention they get to see where the best places to read, play Frisbee or watch the sunset are.

They may come across students engaged in activities that they enjoy and meet new friends.

In addition, without cars, freshmen are unable to drive drunk. Although many students received adequate education on drinking practices and drunk driving in high school, the college drinking atmosphere is different, and freshmen should get used to it before cars are thrown into the equation.

Furthermore, one of the most valuable de facto lessons passed down to freshmen is that it is indeed possible and enjoyable to live in this community car free.

Many students come from cities all over the country that are less conducive to walking, biking or longboarding. UVM opens their eyes to these healthy and fun alternatives that may change their perceptions forever.

Students often think that just because cars seem easier, they're better.

But think of all the exercise you get walking around to all your classes. Think of the extra hours you would have to spend in the gym if you'd been sitting on your butt in a car.

Not to mention that the streets in Burlington, and especially around campus, are some of the most confusing on the East Coast. The time you'd save driving is lost waiting at long lights and meandering through one-way streets and no-left-turn intersections.

Lastly, parking permits cost \$330 per year. Add that to the cost of gas and maintenance and your spending hundreds of extra dollars on an unnecessary luxury.

As if college isn't expensive enough, why pay more to let your car rust in the Gutterson parking lot while you walk from one dorm to the next?

Sure, the no parking permit policy for freshmen has benefits for the town of Burlington — less traffic congestion, less pollution — but it also benefits our freshman students.



## COLUMNISTS



— MICHAEL FARLEY

No party  
politics

About a week ago, a friend of mine asked me what it was like to be bi.

Bipartisan, that is.

All I could say is what I'll tell you: I'm not bipartisan. I'm not even non-partisan. I'm not anything! I am the Switzerland of the political world.

I don't care whether you're a Democrat, Republican, Independent, Green Party or any of the other multitudes of political sects out there.

At the end of the day, political parties only have themselves and the success of their party in mind.

In my world of political neutrality, what it boils down

to for me are ideas. If you have good ideas, you've got my vote.

The war in the Middle East? Bad idea. Not because it's an illegitimate, republican-fueled fire, but because war is an ineffective method for achieving goals, especially when it is a pre-emptive war with a blatant lack of planning and world support.

The bailout plan? Worst idea I've lived to see politically. Not because it is a democratic ponzi-scheme, but because it leaves our future generations drowning in debt.

During last year's presidential election, I heard so much ridiculous rhetoric about both parties that it was impossible to tell the individual candidate's campaign from the party ideology.

I hate to say it, but we're in debt up to our eyeballs, people, and recent reports claim we'll be in the Middle East for the next 30 years.

That means our children will see an American war in the Middle East.

Isn't it about time we joined as one, united party — the American Party — and work for a better policy instead of a more powerful party?

I know political parties are useful for identifying and unifying those with similar ideas, but our political system hinders progress because there are too many ties among parties, lobbyists and campaign

contributors.

It's time we develop a system based on the best interests of the people and not the interests of an elephant or an ass.

Otherwise, we are doomed to shift our political ideals every four years for the rest of our days.

And please, don't give me that jargon about democrats and republicans wanting the same things.

Most people vote based on political alliances, and really, would any of you democrats on campus have voted for Obama if he were a Republican?

I'm going to go out on a limb here and call B.S. on about 75 percent of you who said "yes."

Sure, they can work together when their self-interests and reputations are at stake, but do you see Big Papi batting for the Yanks when they're down and out?

I didn't think so.

If we want policies that reflects our goals and values we need to move beyond bipartisan.

We need non-partisan politics.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He started writing for The Cynic in the spring of 2008.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"AT FIRST IT WAS A COUPLE OF HOURS A DAY. BY MIDWAY THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER, I WAS PLAYING 16 OR 17 HOURS A DAY."**

— BEN ALEXANDER, former University of Iowa student, on his addiction to the computer game *World of Warcraft*

Don't see  
your name  
on this list?

Join *The Cynic*.

Stop by the  
office on the  
first floor of the  
Davis Center.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482



COLUMNISTS

# Westboro, death pannels, birthers: Coping with crazy



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

So, the Westboro Baptist Church came to Burlington — which I guess is like Michael Vick attending the Westminster Dog Show.

Justifiably, a good chunk of Burlington came out to show the church that they weren't in Kansas anymore.

The whole scene was surreal. Westboro was about as vile as it gets short of actual violence, and they were clearly seasoned veterans at raising the collective

blood pressure of a community.

Most of them held up four signs at a time, gripping two in each hand, and the messages were inappropriate even by the standards of public bathroom stalls.

"American/Israel is Doomed," "Fag Marriage," "Some Jews Will Repent" — which I guess is their conciliatory, common-ground one — "You Will Eat Your Babies," each more disturbing than the last.

Despite my shock, I must say, in a weird way it almost seems appropriate that Fred Phelps and company would come to Burlington now. I don't know about you, but these last few weeks have felt like Crazy People Appreciation Month.

The Birthers, a group of conservatives arguing that Obama is not fit to be president because of allegations

surrounding his birth status, were given a forum despite their outrageously easy-to-debunk ideas.

In the same weeks, a small, vocal minority managed to smuggle Fascist terminology into the health care debate.

For weeks, professional newsmen and pundits had a public discourse on the possibility that health care was really a clever front for forced euthanasia and government "death panels."

Now, of course, there won't be any "death panels," or anything remotely close to them. So how did it happen? How did this far-fetched allegation sneak into legitimate discourse?

It seems to me that the problem lies in our inability to leave the margins, you know, marginalized.

The Birthers and health care

protestors bring in the ratings, they impassion people and as a result they receive public attention far out of proportion to their support.

And public attention is just the sort of soil these groups use to grow.

As for Westboro — by far the most noxious of the fringe groups garnering attention recently — I can't imagine Fred Phelps's cross-country hate campaign would continue if they didn't reliably attract counter-protests, make local news and occasionally initiate a fight and the subsequent settlement/lawsuit money.

It reminds me of what they tell grade school kids about bullies, "ignore them and they'll leave you alone." If all Westboro got were some rolled eyes and maybe a middle finger or two, they'd probably be back in

Topeka in a week.

SGA President Bryce Jones couldn't have put it better, "the strongest message we can give them is silence."

Now, I'm neither Jewish nor gay, so while I'm obviously disgusted by Westboro, I may not understand the implications of their presence the way someone with a different sexual orientation or ethnicity would.

I'm just offering my take on the most effective way to deal with our common enemy — and all extreme, fringe groups in general.

While it's not always easy, sometimes the difficult art of ignoring is the best weapon of all.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for the Cynic since the spring of 2009*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Construction bust

Dear Editor,

Ghastly orange fences are strung along ripped-up sidewalks. A pail cracks as a construction worker picks up his lunch.

These are the sights and sounds marring the beautiful campus that the students of the University of Vermont pay so much to be a part of.

Construction, or deconstruction in many cases, seems to be a time-honored tradition here right alongside freshman convocation and the Naked Bike Ride.

Of course, all schools need to update their buildings and expand the limited living spaces. We have all felt how cramped it has been, especially this year. But where do we draw the line?

According to the University, spending \$55 million on a new building is completely within the moral boundary, even if they have to cut the budget for little things like hiring adequate numbers of professors.

These decisions call the integrity of the University into question. Students come to UVM precisely because it isn't the 50,000-student degree factory that it is trying to become.

The millions of dollars provided for construction costs shouldn't be used to make room for more students while the classrooms and dorms are overburdened and understaffed. It should be used to ensure the education and well-being of all of the University's dependents.

UVM's medium size appeals to students looking for something in between, but that exact interest may lead to its own downfall.

However, the time has come for the University of Vermont to choose between being a more selective university or a lumbering behemoth staggering under its own weight, while continuing to feed its insatiable hunger.

Max Krieger  
Class of 2013

### The health care reform we need

Dear Editor,

As political spectators await the health care bill, verbal warfare has seemingly eclipsed the marrow of the issue.

While liberals continue to remind the public of the travesty that is 50,000 uninsured Americans, and conservatives harp on how socialized medicine would undermine our nation's principles, the economics of the insurance industry are merely an afterthought to many, overshadowed by philosophical differences.

In a normal marketplace, firms compete for profits by offering the highest quality goods or services at the lowest cost. Recently, it has become apparent that health insurance giants do not maximize profits by offering high quality insurance for the smallest premiums.

The incentives to hedge against risks are the cornerstone of the insurance industry. However, the health insurance industry has minimized risk by making coverage available exclusively to those who are more likely to pay premiums and those who are less likely to get sick.

The incentive to find greater profits by denying coverage to those who need it most, such as individuals with pre-existing conditions, is the root of the need for reform.

The effects of these counterintuitive incentives are felt residually by hospitals and doctors whose earnings are based in part on the number of procedures they perform without regard to the number uninsured citizens who are denied health care.

Health care reform is not an excuse to create a nationalized industry as part of a grander socialist agenda. The purpose of the bill is to realign the system of incentives for insurance agencies.

One main critique of the approaches to reform currently floating around Washington is that the fundamental

problem is that perpetually rising health care costs must be curbed. It is exactly this problem that a public health insurance option would attack.

A cheap alternative to private insurance plans would draw individuals and businesses away from the private sector. In order to stay profitable, private insurance giants would be forced to create plans with smaller premiums.

For the private insurers to provide more affordable coverage, health care would shift to focus on preventative medicine and efficiency. If Congress produces a health care bill that simply provides universal coverage, it will certainly be an improvement. However, without the necessary restructuring of the marketplace, it will not be the reform the industry needs.

A compelling example of the dire need for reform is Japan's universal health care system and its auto industry.

The reason that a Toyota Camry is cheaper and lasts longer than a Ford Focus may not seem tied to health care. However, Toyota offers superior products for less money because it has smaller labor costs than Ford.

American car companies pay massive amounts in health care benefits to their employees, which is a key part of their contract negotiated by United Auto Workers that Toyota does not have.

In the 1990s, after a financial collapse in Japan, Toyota and Honda continued to compete despite poor economic conditions. Looking back on our current financial crisis and GM's bankruptcy, it is clear that the United States needs health care reform not only for its citizens, but also for its economic future.

David Shames  
Class of 2011

### RAs baby freshmen

Dear Editor,

Fellow freshmen, welcome to college.

Congrats on finally making it off of your mothers' aprons strings and out into the real world where the decision-making ball is fully in your court... or almost, anyway. It seems the real world of university life is more structured than previously anticipated.

From the minute we walk on campus, we're placed into the waiting hands of a smiling RA who will run our lives for the next two days of freshman opening weekend.

Want to take a walk into town? Sorry, that time slot is already filled with three hours of name games. Feel like grabbing something to eat? Sorry, we need to be led as a group down to the meal hall, and we don't leave till 7 p.m.

I get it. The University doesn't want the incoming freshmen — myself included — drowning under the weight of their newfound freedoms. But is the summer camp-esque scheduling and the constant monitoring really necessary?

I mean, we are in college, aren't we?

We've got to get used to calling our own shots and scheduling our own time. It's not as if the RAs are waiting by your dorm room everyday to lead us to breakfast and then get us safely to that 8:30 lecture that all of the upperclassmen were smart enough not to schedule (or are they??)

I appreciate the RAs being there as a resource for freshmen who have questions, and I will certainly have plenty of my own.

But shouldn't it be up to those of us who need guidance to seek it out for ourselves? I was looking forward to the sink-or-swim challenge that I was told college would be. But isn't the possibility of sinking just an illusion when green-shirted RAs stand over us with a life vest?

Jeff Ayers  
Class of 2013

Have an opinion?  
See something you disagree with?  
Put your voice in *The Cynic*!

Write a Letter to the Editor and see it in print here in the Opinion section.  
E-mail letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu)



# Girl power wins big for UVM alum

## d'Arabian becomes the Next Food Network Star

By Jess Sanders  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Aug. 2, Bobby Flay announced that UVM alum Melissa d'Arabian was officially the winner of "The Next Food Network Star." Thanks to her experiences cooking for her loved ones, d'Arabian blew away the judges week after week.

She was the only non-professional chef on the show, but she burned the competition with her inviting personality and "gems" of wisdom, as her fellow Food Network colleague Ted Allen said.

Luckily, she took a few minutes to give *The Vermont Cynic* a behind-the-scenes scoop and a peak into the life of a newly-working mother and an incredible chef.

**The Vermont Cynic:** What was running through your mind during the finale?

**Melissa d'Arabian:** Oh gosh, funny enough, while we were filming the finale, Bobby was about to make the announcement and my kids who had been in the audience ... started getting really fussy. So I really thought they were going to yell "cut" and restart because they were being so loud.

I actually got relaxed because I really didn't think they were going to make the announcement.

When he said my name, I

almost missed it. So maybe it was kind of a blessing that I was focused on something and wasn't quite as stressed in that moment as I could have been.

**VC:** When you were watching your pilot episode for your new show, were you happy with how it turned out?

**MD:** When I was shooting the pilot with "The Next Food Network Star," it was harder than it looked. I was really grateful that Alton Brown came in with advice and said, "focus on bringing yourself and your experiences to the table; you know the food because it's yours, so focus on those items and let the technical stuff take care of itself."

That was great advice because I do think that what I bring to the table are my experiences as a stay-at-home mom, but also as a career woman, also as a graduate student, also as a college student trying to pay my way.

So if I can bring all those experiences to the table, that's when I can be most successful.

**VC:** How do you think the show has changed you as a cook?

**MD:** There have been a lot of different phases in my life that have changed the way I cook, shaped the way I cook and "The Next Food Network Star" was an important one. It taught me to trust myself with the ingredients in the kitchen and adjusting as needed.



Melissa d'Arabian is the newest Food Network Star, winning her own network show, *Ten Dollar Meals*.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FOOD NETWORK

For the complete interview, check out [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

## Das Bierhaus — a *Cynic* sneak peek at the new food spot

By Jess Sanders  
Staff Writer

A German restaurant named Das Bierhaus might bring to mind a scene of excessive alcohol intake, as seen in "Beerfest" or perhaps a backyard on Buell Street.

Owner Nick Karabelas and associate Chad Roy have every intention of making such fantastical scenes a reality in their new restaurant and bar.

The vision for the restaurant came from Karabelas's fond memories of the time he spent in Switzerland during college.

"My memories [from] Switzerland are hanging out in bars — the meeting place; that's where everyone is having fun.

"So this is kind of my take on all of those fun, awesome places that I got to go [to]," he said.

While Das Bierhaus is a restaurant, their beer selection will be most impressive.

"We're running eight beer lines total," Roy said. "Five of them imported German beers. Our three other lines will be specific to Vermont."

"We're looking to have a very extensive import selection, bottle-wise, so we've taken quite a bit of time to search high and low to look for a lot of nice specialty imports from Germany, the Czech Republic and other surrounding countries," he said.

The menu will also be full of more unfamiliar choices like rosti, schnitzel, spatzel, wurst, potato salad and black forest cake.

Though Burlington is a long way from the land of schnitzel, Burlington native and CCV student Rosie Buteau believes

that Das Bierhaus will certainly add something new and different to the downtown scene.

"If anything, it will work as a niche for [people. They] will definitely want to go and see what it's all about," Buteau said.

Karabelas believes that, although Burlingtonians are used to the familiar downtown spots, the oddities on the menu will be a hit.

"I picked the city before I picked the business," Karabelas said. "My job is not to provide people with what they want; it's to provide them with what they don't know they want."

"My goal is to make everybody feel this is theirs," Karabelas said. "I was an under-served consumer in this market. There was no place that really met my needs."

It's clear that Karabelas and

Roy are itching to really get things started as the training and building progresses.

One of these things is live entertainment. After officially obtaining their open ended entertainment permit, the ideas began flowing.

"Live music, live band karaoke, open mike night, anywhere from instruments to comedy," Roy said. "We had a funny idea the other day for a spelling bee."

"The live entertainment will add to what sounds to be an already cool spot," Buteau said. "Though there are other places, this seems like it will be a restaurant that offers more than just that."

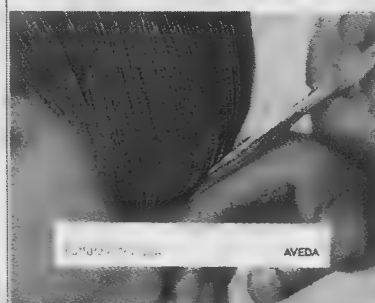
Unfortunately, both Roy and Karabelas wish to keep most of their ideas secret, in hopes of drawing a large and curious crowd

at the time of their opening.

"This is bigger than us already," Karabelas said.

The *Cynic* looks forward to the grand unveiling.

salon  
**obriens**



HAIRCUTS COLOR WAXING  
FACIALS MANICURES PEDICURES

University Mall S Burlington 863-2273  
247 Main Street Burlington 658-6565  
Essex Junction Shopping Ctr 878-4554



# Fall fun on two wheels

## Exploring the local mountain biking scene



SCOTT PELLER | The Vermont Cynic

A biker takes to the trails around Burlington. Even though the mountain biking trails are littered with old cars, a new wave of bikers are building up speed.

**By Todd Baribault**  
Staff Writer

You're rushing down a narrow woodland trail, eyes tearing up as foliage whizzes by.

All that's between you and the ground are 25 or 30 pounds of metal and rubber, evolved over the past couple decades to allow you to tackle ever-more challenging terrain.

Vermont's hilly landscape makes mountain bikers earn their adrenaline on downhill slopes, but that's part of the reason why the sport is so popular here.

"It's really interesting," executive director of Williston's Catamount Family Center Eric Bowker said. "The terrain and the features make [cycling] pretty unique."

Until UVM dropped its physical education requirement this year, Bowker taught a popular mountain biking class for the University.

Despite suffering a slight hit due to the University's requirements self-pruning, Bowker said that the collegiate mountain biking scene is thriving.

Other indicators point to the same conclusion.

"I moved here in 1997 and every year the number of mountain bikes we work on has increased," bike technician at Earl's Cyclery in Williston Doug Costa said. "Right now they make up about 75 percent of the bikes that come into the shop."

Costa's observations at Earl's

mirror the regional growth of the mountain biking community.

One organization, Fellowship of the Wheel, has significantly expanded local trail mileage in the last decade; the Fellowship's executive director Hans Jenny said.

The Fellowship has built between 80 and 90 miles of new trail with volunteers contributing thousands of hours toward maintenance and new construction, Jenny said.

The Fellowship's website now lists 15 distinct trail networks, all within a 45-minute drive from Burlington.

So for anyone looking to shred some gnar before snow's arrival, possibilities surround Burlington.

Saxon Hill, a few miles away in Essex, is the closest large riding network to UVM. The trails there were "built with an eye towards making everyone happy," Jenny said.

"You can lean the bike over and carve turns more," he said, referring to the relatively flat sections of trail at the base of Saxon Hill itself.

The sandy soil and moderate slope at Saxon is somewhat rare for Vermont mountain bike trails, Jenny said.

More trail mileage awaits southeast of Saxon. Mobb's Hill and Valley — two adjacent networks — the Waterbury trails and the Hinesburg Town Forest each offer between nine and 30

miles of single track.

Jenny is a fan of Mobbs Hill, perhaps partly because he designed it.

He said that he "managed to work every rock feature that's available over there into the trail." This was an impressive feat, since it contains some of the longest runs of bedrock in the area.

The Waterbury trails are "designed primarily for advanced riders, bordering on free-riding," Jenny said.

Matt Brannen, a student at Johnson State, finds the terrain there suits his riding style well.

"I like the bedrock on the Red loop and Blue is just a very fluid trail," he said.

Hinesburg is a favorite for Brooke Scatchard, trail director at Fellowship of the Wheel. For him, one trail stands out: Passing the Horizon.

"It's really long and goes through some really unique areas," Scatchard said. "You just feel like you're way out there. You can almost see back over [Lake Champlain] beyond the trees."

A 2005 UVM graduate, Scatchard said he enjoys both the meditative aspect of solo rides and the sociability of riding with friends.

"It has a strong parallel to skiing," he said. "You can kind of enjoy it in any way that you want, at your own pace and skill level. It's an enjoyable way to get outside and not go too far away."



9.8-9.14

tues

SA CONCERTS BUREAU  
MEETING  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Silver Maple Ballroom

wed

JEDI MIND TRICKS  
8 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
Higher Ground  
Ballroom

fri

INGRID MICHAELSON  
8:30 p.m.  
Showcase Lounge  
Higher Ground

SOUTH END ART HOP  
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Pine Street  
Burlington

"WELSCHMERZ: A  
FILM BY PROF. ERIK  
REHMAN  
OPENING RECEPTION  
5 p.m.  
L/L Gallery

sun

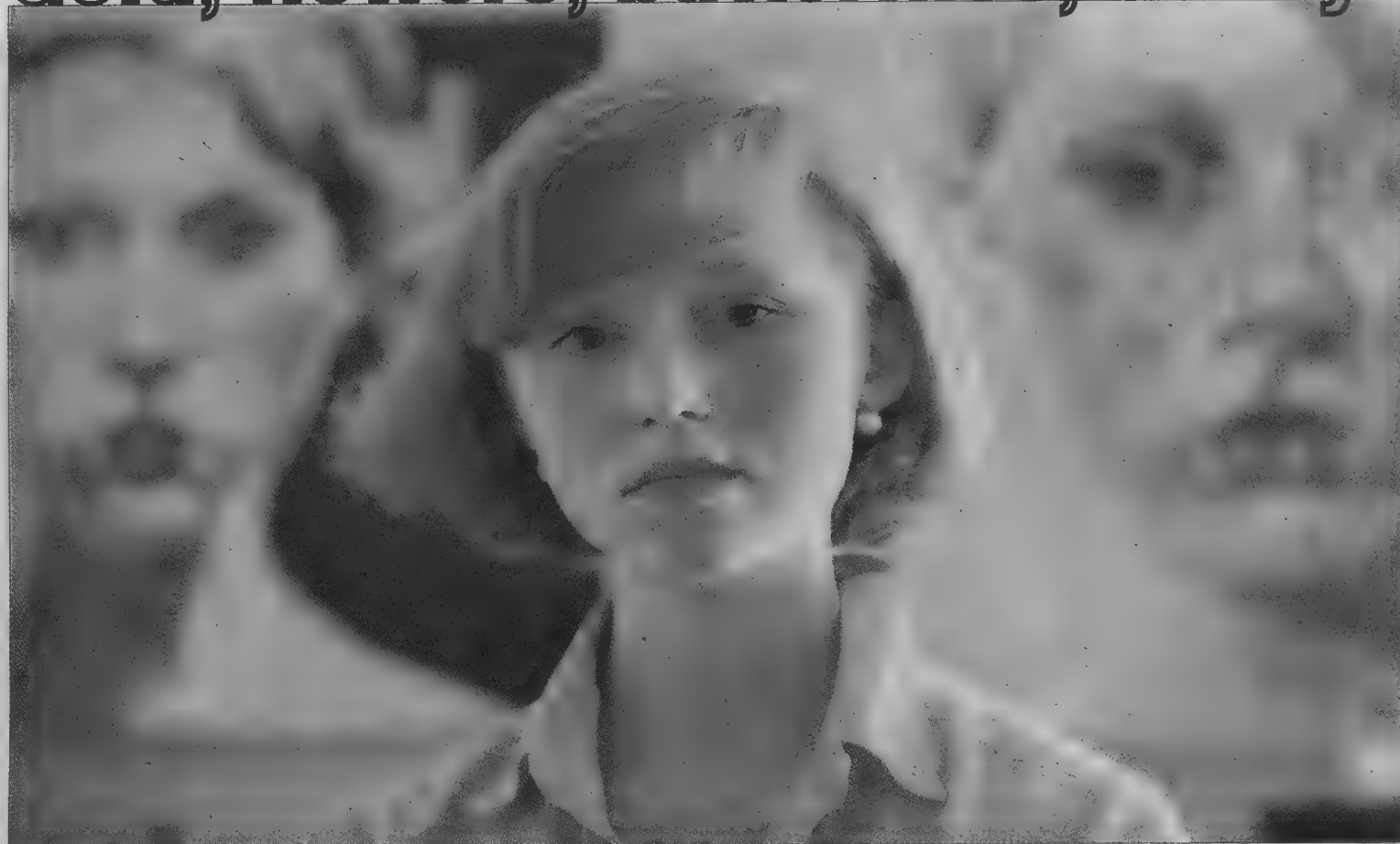
FACULTY RECITAL:  
DAVID FEURZEIG  
3 p.m.  
Southwick Music  
Recital Hall

DEATH VESSEL (FOLK)  
9 p.m.  
The Monkey House  
Winooski

mon

SONDRE LERCHE  
8:30 p.m.  
Showcase Lounge  
Higher Ground

## Gold, flowers, butterflies, oh my!



BOBBY BRUDERLE | The Vermont Cynic

UVM Junior and Studio Art major Grace Weaver embraces her ornamental desires and exhibits her first major gallery art show.

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Two days before her opening at The Monkey House, junior Grace Weaver haphazardly spread her paintings and collages across various surfaces of her parents' house.

Weaver spent several weeks in an art program, which she calls "intense," at the New York Studio School in New York City, this past summer. The program had a strong impact on her and helped inspire her to paint these portraits.

Working exclusively from

models and receiving harsh critiques, the course was eye-opening for Weaver.

"It made me really serious about my work," Weaver said. "It was after that that I was like, 'I can do this all day. I've gone crazy for the rest of the summer. It's been great.'"

Weaver describes finding a sort of freedom in the past several weeks, different from the minimalistic approach sometimes favored in art classes.

"This summer I allowed myself the permission to be very decorative — it was nice to be allowed to do as much

embellishment as I wanted," Weaver said, "like gold and lots of flowers and butterflies and things."

Furthermore, Weaver found inspiration in innovative places, such as using "outdated techniques like glaze" and "playing around, painting weird dolls."

All of this helped lead to the creation of the pieces shown at The Monkey House this September.

The pieces, all portraits of heads, range from reworked transcriptions of Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres paintings — "I'm such a sucker for old

master painters," Weaver said to a portrait modeled after the girl on the Little Debbie's box, to self-portraits. She even has a painting of a man with a mullet.

"After drawing all these beautiful women," Weaver said, "I wanted to try to apply these modes to something less obviously beautiful-looking and try to find beauty there."

Some of Weaver's portraits aren't based on anyone who actually exists.

"The subject of a portrait doesn't have to be a real person," Weaver explained. "It can just exist within the picture."

album review

## Scraping the minimalist sky

### Lead singer of Interpol diverts from his usual antics

By Chris Leo Palermino  
Arts Editor

This is not simply another Interpol album. Or at least Julian Plenti doesn't want you to think so.

"Skyscraper" is the debut album from Julian Plenti, the moniker for the lead singer of Interpol. The new LP compiles tracks Paul Banks performed from 1998 to 2006 as an acoustic solo artist in Manhattan.

This amalgam of b-sides and lonely piano tunes amounts to more than stripped-down versions of Interpol songs, but the result is unsuccessful more often than not.

Even before the familiar drone of Banks's voice begins, the opening track, "Only if You Run," starts off with downbeat, minor chords reminiscent of Interpol. At first, the similar themes of

frustration and doubt come to the forefront, but Banks's opening song puts a positive spin on these daily struggles with his lyrics.

If Banks had continued the album in a similar fashion, recreating the style that he and his compatriots had created and loved for 11 years, his first solo effort could have been a thriving success.

Instead, as many lead singers do on their solo albums, he decided to experiment with his traditional form and create acoustic guitar and piano-heavy songs that expose his distinctive voice.

The title track, "Skyscraper," is the embodiment of his new approach, dabbling with strings and with an added unintelligible noise in an almost completely instrumental piece. Yet his definitive voice gets lost in melancholy, desolate sound waves

on this stripped-down piece.

Throughout the album, Banks struggles to find a common medium between soft piano ballads and his familiar minor chord melodies of years past.

While "No Chance Survival" tells the tale of his personal thoughts in an eerie introspective fashion, "Unwind" acts as the anthemic, distortion-heavy, radio-friendly account of addictive love.

After three albums heavy with narrative about forlorn love, Banks speaks of love in a more general sense on "Skyscraper," focusing on love only in "Girl on the Sporting News," in which he swoons over a television personality.

A mediocre album up until the last song, the lead singer of Interpol attempts to create an experimental, acoustic song to wrap up the solo effort on "H,"

and ends up creating a piece well out of his league.

More fit for a lo-fi, ambient album, Eastern-tinged "H" has Banks trying out odd noises and experimenting with voice. As a result, the album's final track causes puzzled listeners to wonder why Banks's debut fell into an abyss of emptiness.

In the midst of waiting for a fourth studio Interpol album, Banks strayed from his post-punk roots and created a lo-fi, singer/songwriter mix of minimalist songs.

Although a worthwhile learning experience, the songs show that Interpol's primary strength is their ability to build songs with multiple instruments and contemplative, complex lyrics.

Rating, out of five





# Unlikely partners talk alt. energy

## Scientists and local artists explore future power sources

By Katie Ida  
Asst. Features Editor

From brainstorming solutions to preserving the world to apocalyptic images flashing forward to the end, "Human=Landscape: Aesthetics of a Carbon Restrained Future" is a collaboration of artists, students and engineers that explores the entire question of alternative energy.

The exhibit, currently showing at the Firehouse Gallery, is part of The Energy Project, a partnership between ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center and Burlington City Arts, with support from the University of Vermont.

"It's sort of like a big dinner party," Firehouse Gallery curator Chris Thompson said about the collaboration. "Each artist or innovative thinker brings something different to the table."

"We do practical things, pure art, completely wacked-out things and they all come together, hopefully," he said.

From room to room, the viewer sees different ideas and artwork about alternative energy from 23 artists. Thompson said he wanted to include all perspectives, without being righteous.

"Dear World Project," a display within the exhibit, features multiple projects that examine the possibilities of sustainable energy sources by UVM students, with guidance from UVM professors Cami Davis and Nancy Dwire.

In her "call for artists," Davis described the project as "small works on behalf of the atmosphere."

One project, done by a first-year engineering class, features a wind-powered apple transportation machine.

In the pure art realm of the exhibit, Jean-Pierre Roy's "Waterfall" remarks on nature taking back humanity's impact. Bright jets of lightning, the au-

burn glow of bombs, decay and the reclaiming of the land by nature emanate in Roy's paintings.

In a lecture given on Sept. 1, Roy explained that he wanted to explore the "relationship between the man-made and the natural."

A small structure, resembling an outhouse, stands behind the gallery, illuminating the practicality that Thompson mentioned.

MicroHouse is a self-suf-

**"It's sort of like a big dinner party," Firehouse Gallery curator Chris Thompson said about the collaboration. "Each artist or innovative thinker brings something different to the table."**

ficient structure that has zero environmental impact.

"It is everything you need to get by in 10 feet," said Thompson.

The largest of the pieces included in the exhibit was Patrick Marold's installation of 1,000 windmills alongside Route 89. The piece exemplifies both the beauty of alternative energy and its ability to go unnoticed in the surrounding landscape.

Mostly UVM students and volunteers conducted the installation of the piece, Thompson said.

The completely privately-funded exhibit, which Roy calls a "great survey of different views," runs until Oct. 14 at the Firehouse Gallery in Burlington.

# Leaving Woodstock

## New film "Taking Woodstock" focuses more on character development than the festival

By Katie Gioia  
Copy Chief

When imagining Woodstock, hippies, music and free love are the first features that come to mind. Yet the main character of the Ang Lee-directed film "Taking Woodstock" is a shy, subtle man who comes from a very strict, neurotic Jewish family.

Protagonist Elliot Tischberg, the son of motel owners, is home for the summer working for his parents. Conveniently, he's also the president of the local chamber of commerce and he has received a music festival permit for a neighbor's farm — thus, the seeds of Woodstock were planted.

Disappointingly, the film is about how Woodstock took place rather than the actual music festival. It depicts the legal procedures in getting the Woodstock festival to happen, all of the people he meets and the development of the main character.

There are no scenes showing musicians play. Instead, hippies dancing and playing in the mud is the extent of the three-day festival of peace and music. Other-

wise, the camera is on Elliot and his life.

Despite this, the acting is on point. Comedian Demetri Martin, who plays Elliot, perfectly displays a timid, responsible guy from 1969 who still can't stand up to his parents.

The hippie characters are a tad over-the-top. The word "beautiful" slips out of their mouths too many times and they are almost too chill and loving.

Jonathan Groff over-exaggerates his character, Michael Lang, the far-out hippie who negotiates hosting Woodstock with Elliot. However, this is from the perspective of a 21st-century teenager. It's quite possible that their acting is right on the money — their hyperbolic movements and words could be legitimate.

From the hairstyles to the furniture, the late '60s were more than apparent in the film's set and props. The cars, the interior of the local diner and the glasses that Elliot's old-fashioned mother wears all scream 1969. There is nothing anachronistic about this film.

The cinematography is so

well done that it is on the verge of deceiving. In many of the scenes, it is difficult to decipher whether what is on the screen is real footage from the actual Woodstock or not.

It turns out that no real footage is used in the movie, yet the camera work is incredible. One unique method used is split-screen filming, in which the same scene is shown from different angles.

This helps display the chaos of Woodstock and it also develops the theme of different perspectives. These different perspectives, which Elliot finds through his experiences, allow him to become a changed, confident man.

Rather than being a documentary of Woodstock itself, this movie delves into the story of a man finding himself through Woodstock.

Instead of re-living an era, the film lives an era through the eyes of one person.

Rating, out of five



HICHER GROUND & CHILITT ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PRESENT

# THE DECEMBERISTS

ON SALE NOW!

with special guest  
**Laura Veirs & The Hall of Flames**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 8PM**  
**FLYNN THEATRE**

THE HAZARDS OF LOVE  
AVAILABLE MARCH 24  
PREORDER AT DECEMBERISTS.COM

TICKETS: FLYNN.TIX.ORG, 802-86-FLYNN  
OR AT THE FLYNN THEATRE BOX OFFICE  
HICHERGROUND MUSIC.COM  
DATES & ARTISTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE





### Should we all hate on Favre?

Beer, wings and snacks littered the living room table.

It was Jan 26, 1997 and my football-crazy family was getting ready to watch the Super Bowl.

I was only eight and hadn't heard much about the Green Bay Packers or the New England Patriots.

I had a conundrum upon me — who was I supposed to root for?

"Mom, who do you want to win?" I asked.

"We're rooting for the Packers," she said.

"Why?"

"Brett Favre, vr vrrr vrrr" She said, mocking the odd spelling of the Mississippi boy's name.

This was a time when Favre had the goods, he was an NFL golden boy, coming off of an MVP season.

He and bell-bottom pants were the highlights of 1997 and like bell-bottoms, Favre has faded out of favor of the public eye like a lame fad.

His fall from grace has been swift.

I can think of only a few years ago when I was on the Favre bandwagon, cheering on the old guy in the 2007 playoffs, where he made a handful of spectacular plays. Everyone was diggin' his resurgence.

But the cutesy idea of the old legend making a strong comeback has faded.

This is logical; he did cry on live television ... only to return a few months later, betraying his beloved Packers.

But does he really deserve so much bad press?

ESPN has a commercial mocking his endless comeback tirade on the league. Many Packers fan have lost all sentiment for their former white knight, and Sports Illustrated even released an issue that guaranteed 'No Favre' press within it.

People can't stand his act anymore, which is more than apparent, but I'm not sure he is so deserving of criticism.

Coming back to the Jets was not only a low blow to the Pack, but also a move he made for financial reasons and to play in the largest market in the country.

Who can blame someone trying to make some bank?

After retiring for a second time, Favre still couldn't cure the itch and the only remedy was the gridiron.

There were far fewer teams showing interest during his second return and he surprisingly chose former division rival and small-marketed Minnesota.

But looking deeper into it, the guy just wants to play football. It was a low blow for the Packers to join the Vikes, but enough bad blood had already been boiled so salt on the wound was insignificant at this point.

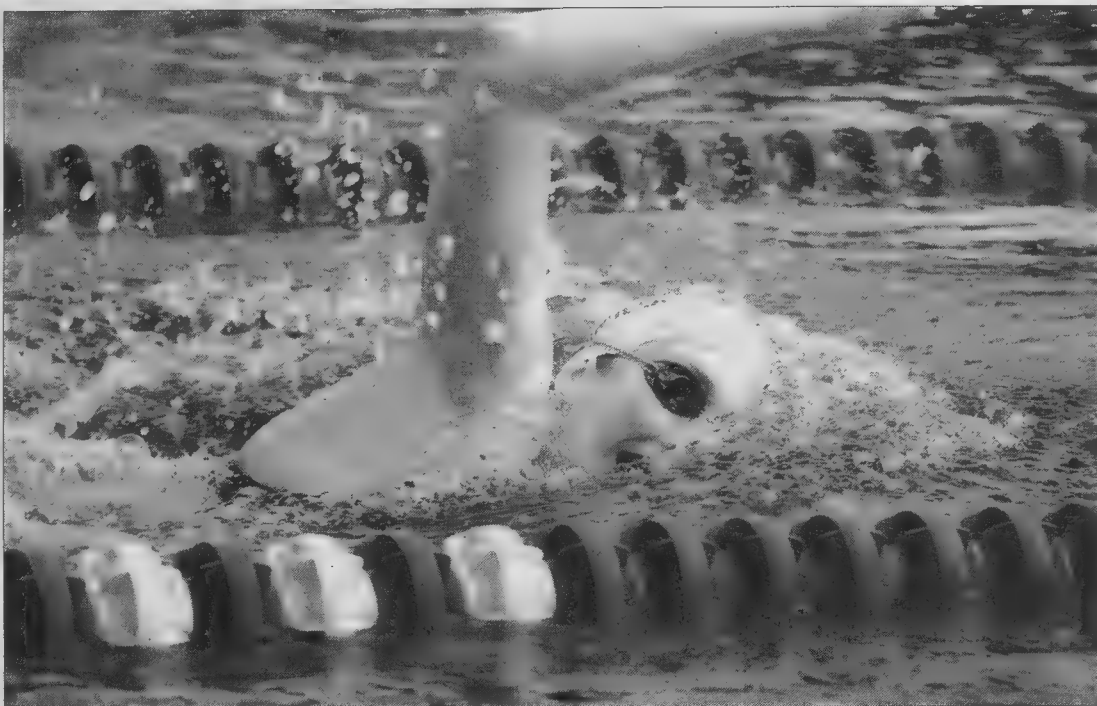
Most importantly he was joining a team that has the most deadly running back in the league as a backfield mate.

I'm sure he's well aware of the pressure that will take off his rusted cannon.

Looking back on it, he's been around since I was in diapers.

Football has always had Brett Favre in my lifetime and whether you love him or love to hate on him, what would a Sunday afternoon be like without Brett Favre?

## Sports Shorts by Eli Zink



SALLY MCCAY | The Vermont Cynic

Senior Molly MacMillan swims the freestyle during a meet last season.

### Swim team staff expands

Cora Cummings Gauvin will be returning to UVM, this time as a voluntary coach. Gauvin, who graduated from Vermont in 2000, was a coach for Green Mountain Aquatics and also at the Burlington Tennis Club.

Gauvin will add experience and energy to the team, which is coming off its best season in school history. The Cats will dive into the season Oct. 9.

### Field hockey drops to William & Mary

Vermont's field hockey squad is still in search for a win after dropping to 0-2 by the score of 2-0 to William & Mary on Sunday, Aug. 30. Senior goalkeeper Kristen Heavens continued to perform strongly while only giving up two goals on 25 shots.

It was her second straight game with 12 saves, which is one short of her career high. Despite her excellent play, the Cats continue to look for fire-power on the offensive end.

### Men's soccer assistant gets promotion

If you work hard, you rise fast. That's surely the case for Wade Jean, who was promoted from assistant coach to associate head coach on the men's soccer team. The decision was made by athletic director Dr. Robert Corran and head coach Jesse Cormier.

Wade has an exceptional wealth of expertise and knowledge of the game that will only better our program." Cormier said in e-mail from athletic communications. Wade has 10 years of head coaching experience in Divisions I and II.

### Vermont picked seventh in cross-country preseason poll

The America East preseason rankings are out. Three-time defending champion New Hampshire sits at the top, followed by Stony Brook and Binghamton. Vermont was voted to finish

seventh despite returning with senior Doug Maisey who performed well enough to finish in the top 10 of last years championships. He was the first Catamount to do so since 2001.

### Women's soccer wins TD Bank Classic

UVM women's soccer team is on the rise quickly. It took three total overtimes but the Lady Cats won the TD Bank Classic after beating the University of Montreal 3-2 and ty-

ing Central Connecticut State University 2-2 and scoring a tourney-high five goals.

Junior Gabby Bonfigli was chosen as the tourney's offensive MVP, while Cat goalkeeper Eliza Bradley won defensive MVP. Bonfigli was also named America East Player of the Week after racking up five points in the tourney on a goal and three assists.

### Former hockey captain inks NHL deal

Torrey Mitchell, who wore the 'C' during the 2006-2007 season for the Catamounts, has signed a three-year deal with the NHL's San Jose Sharks.


Mitchell left UVM with 35 career goals and 70 assists and ranked at 36 on the all-time scoring list. The former captain missed the 2008-2009 NHL season due to a leg injury but as a rookie in '07-'08 he was named "Sharks Rookie of the Year."

### Women's hockey gains a staff member


Jeff Cooper, the same volunteer coach who helped mentor former UVM star goalkeeper Tim Thomas — currently with the Boston Bruins — will be joining the women's hockey staff as a volunteer goalies coach. Cooper played professionally in the IHL (International Hockey League) and was an All-American goalkeeper at Colgate University. Cooper will add depth to a coaching that that is trying to improve upon a 7-25-2 record.

### NFL may not have salary cap in 2010

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is in talks with the NFLPA about dropping the cap. This could potentially lead to more dynasties due to unlimited team spend.



## Gifts of Justice



*A Social Justice Art exhibition and competition*  
UVM Hillel Presents

**Create a Tzedekah Box!**

**Prizes: 1st Prize = \$300, 2nd Prize = \$150, 3rd Prize = \$50**

Artists are encouraged to be creative and use whatever materials inspire them. Boxes must not exceed the size of 5' tall, 3' wide, 3' deep.

Entries will be exhibited from Oct. 1st-16th in the Center for Cultural Pluralism Allen House Gallery (461 Main Street, Burlington).

For the rules: [www.uvmhillel.org](http://www.uvmhillel.org)

The word "Tzedekkah" is derived from the Hebrew root Tzade-Dalet-Qof, meaning righteousness, justice, or fairness. In Judaism, giving to the poor is not viewed as a generous, magnanimous act; it is simply an act of justice and righteousness, the performance of a duty, giving the poor their due.



# Field hockey aims for A-East tourney

Team will host Sheraton Catamount Field Hockey Classic next weekend

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

As September gets under way at UVM, the field hockey team is looking for a strong start following a tough overtime loss to Boston University that ended their 2008 season, and kept them from their goal of winning the America East Championship.

The team opened the season with an 0-2 record after losing at home 3-0 to Boston College and 2-0 to William & Mary.

Head coach Nicki Houghton attributed some of the early season struggle to the lack of attention to detail that has happened on the field.

"We need to fine-tune the details in our play, because they come back to haunt you if you don't execute," Houghton said.

The team graduated five seniors last year but brought in four new freshmen as they try to compete against several tough opponents this year. The Cats will face nine teams that finished last season with 10 or more wins.

Senior captain and forward Megan Maynard is confident in the team's abilities against upper echelon opponents, such as Boston College, who was ranked 14th in the nation.

"We've demonstrated the ability to play together and compete against ranked teams," Megan Maynard said, "We are hopeful that we will make the necessary adjustments in order to finish stronger."

Maynard added that it helps to play top teams before going into the conference schedule

given that the America East has plenty of field hockey talent.

"The America East is a very successful field hockey conference and our ability to prepare for league games with similar competition in our non-conference schedule is very helpful," Houghton said.

Though last season did not end the way that the Catamounts had hoped, they have high expectations for this year with the current roster.

"The main goal is to make it back to the America East Tournament this season and that was something the team began

to set out for back in November," Houghton said.

The team's strong unity could play a large factor in the success of the season.

"We've really had an opportunity to come together and embrace our roles and responsibilities that help our team

succeed as a whole," Maynard said.

The ladies next home game will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 12. They will host the University of Pennsylvania in their opening game for the Sheraton Catamount Field Hockey Classic.



NATHACHA CAMILLE | The Vermont Cynic

Vermont plays in a matchup last September. The Cats will be hosting the Sheraton Catamount Classic next weekend. There are six new Catamounts in the starting lineup, including senior Katie Smith who look to help bring leadership to the four new freshman.

## Cynic Sports NFL Predictions

by Jake Ahrens, Senior Staff Writer

### Tennessee Titans vs. Pittsburgh Steelers — Pick Steelers

Tennessee, with the best record in the AFC last year, travels to Heinz Field to take on the defending Super Bowl champions for the opening of the NFL's 2009 season. The Steelers and Titans went one-two respectively in points allowed per game last year both teams are featured by their strong defenses, so expect this game to be a hard-hitting, dog fight.

When the teams matched up in week 16 last year, the Titans won in style, but expect the Steelers to pull this one out in a close, low-scoring game.

### Buffalo Bills vs. New England Patriots — Pick Patriots

Buffalo will be at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. to show off their new wide receiver, Terrell Owens, in this Monday night match-up of division rivals.

After finishing last year with a 7-9 record despite a 5-1 start, the Bills have some potential for a good year this season.

But with their star running back Marshawn Lynch suspended for this game and the Patriots looking solid as ever with Tom Brady back and having won 11 straight games against the Bills, you have to go with the Patriots in this one.

### Philadelphia Eagles vs. Carolina Panthers — Pick Eagles

With the Eagles coming off another NFC championship loss and the Panthers an embarrassing loss in the divisional round of the playoffs, this game is pitting two good teams hungry for a long playoff run.

The Panthers will run, the Eagles will pass, but the weapons for the Eagles on offense are too exciting not to like their chances against the Panthers. Brian Westbrook will be healthy and DeSean Jackson will be a little bit wiser but no less explosive in his second season as a pro, pick the Eagles.

### San Diego Chargers vs. Oakland Raiders — Pick Chargers

In this second game of a Monday night double-header, divisional rivals, Chargers and Raiders, will open the season in Oakland's black hole.

The Chargers should be at full health and happy to have their sack machine Shawn Merriman back on the field as they come off a playoff loss from last season. And what can you say about the Raiders? It looks like they will continue their trend of hanging out in the bottom of the standings. With the Chargers winning 11 straight against the Raiders, look

for this streak to continue.

### Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay Packers — Pick Bears

In this Sunday night opener, these two storied franchises will battle it out on Lambeau Field on prime time television.

Both teams are coming off disappointing years where neither made the playoffs and each can boast a significant upgrade in their rosters. The Packers stocked up on defense, but the Bears finally got the quarterback they've always wanted from Denver in Jay Cutler.

With Matt Forte in the backfield and the explosive Devin Hester at wideout, Cutler has the pieces around him to win.

### Washington Redskins vs. New York Giants — Pick Redskins

This game will be an upset. The Redskins started the year last season going 6-2 before being plagued with injuries.

With the addition of \$100 million man Albert Haynesworth on the defensive line and Clinton Portis back to health, they will have a good year—starting it off with a win over the Redskins.

With a solid offensive and defensive line, but with a slew of young wide receivers, the Giants won't have enough to keep up with the Skins.

## Calling sports fans to debate

Cynic sports readers — every week *the Cynic* does a sports debate show called "Face off" which is recorded and posted online at [www.vermontcynic.com/sports](http://www.vermontcynic.com/sports).

If you are a big sports fan and would like to come debate headline sports topics with our writers, we would love to have you!

Plus you get to see your pretty faces online.

If you are interested come drop by *the Cynic* office and ask for Eli.

The office is located in the wing of the first floor of the Davis Center past the Computer Depot.

[vcports@uvm.edu](mailto:vcports@uvm.edu)





# Men's soccer falls to Siena 1-0 in home opener

Potential was on display during loss, newcomers see field time

By Eli Zink & Liza Hogeland  
Sports Editor & Cynic Correspondent

The men's soccer team dropped their home opener on Tuesday to Siena 1-0 but showed promise on the pitch.

Vermont was able to dominate possession of the ball but couldn't rebound from Siena's game-changing play that sealed the loss.

"Overall I thought we had some good moments, but I still feel that we were too easily rattled," head coach Jesse Cormier said.

The Cats had plenty of chances to strike early. In the seventh minute, junior Matt Hennessey delivered a corner kick through the box.

On the receiving end was redshirt sophomore Pat Alonis who blasted a darting header that just missed the left side of the goal.

Another chance came when recent junior transfer Juan Peralta had a slight breakaway but was stopped by the Siena goalkeeper who made a soaring save.

Though there were many chances, Peralta said the team couldn't quite get on the same page.

"We didn't play our game today, I think we have a lot of weapons and we can get it together," Peralta said.

Cormier echoed similar sentiments.

"We really want to attack collectively, and I feel that we didn't get to impose our style," Cormier said.

Peralta, who transferred from Ulster County Community College, flashed his ability throughout the

game, giving Vermont multiple scoring opportunities.

During the 58th minute, another scoring chance came for the junior from the top of the box where he got a clear shot from about 25 yards out. The ball didn't get the bend necessary and missed wide right.

The offensive opportunities were limited for the Cats for the duration of the game and it appeared that the team, though skilled, was indeed young.

"I don't think we played as a unit today, we're trying to improve in that. We have a lot of new guys, we're just trying to get to know each other better."

Siena scored the winning goal in the 65th minute on a well-executed play that was capped off by Joe Tavernese.

As hard as the Cats fought, the ball wouldn't bounce their way.

"We have a lot of chemistry on the team but we need to work more on our attack and combinations going forward," Peralta said.

Senior and captain TJ Gore said the team's cohesion isn't a problem and time will help team gel.

"We have a good set of guys its just going to take time to figure out everyone's strengths and weaknesses," Gore said. "But it'll come."

Cormier took the loss as a learning experience for the younger guys and knows how much potential the squad has.

"I think it's a great lesson for us as a group and I think we'll come back and be better from it," Cormier said.

Gore let the younger players



**BRYANT HUGHES** | The Vermont Cynic  
Senior captain TJ Gore heads the ball in the season opener vs Siena. Gore, who had one shot on goal in the game, is confident that the team will bounce back.

Catamount head coach **Jesse Cormier** isn't accustomed to losing his season openers. Here's a look at the results of Vermont's season openers under Cormier.

Year	Opponent	Result
2004	vs Holy Cross	1-0 (W)
2005	vs Quinnipiac	2-0 (W)
2006	vs Saint Peter's	3-1 (W)
2007	@ San Francisco	1-0 (W)
2008	vs W. Michigan	1-1 (2OT)
2009	vs Siena	0-1 (L)

know that they will rebound from the game and they can only improve from here.

"I've been in this position before, we just have to take our

lumps and bounce back," Gore said.

The Cats let one get away from them but also displayed a plethora of young talent during

the game. Along with newcomer Peralta, freshmen D.J. Elder, Dwayne Dove and Alassane Kane all saw the field and showed that they can have an impact.

## Women's rugby proves to be a powerhouse out on the pitch

Not only do they stand out on the field but in the community as well through 'Ruggers Against Rape'

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer

On Sept. 26 the University of Vermont women's rugby club will take the pitch for their first game of the '09-'10 season, where they will be competing against UMass-Amherst.

After qualifying for the playoffs last fall and succeeding in making it to the Regional Final Four, junior president Katie O'Rourke is confident that the club can respond with another great effort and performance.

"We would love to make

it to the playoffs and further," O'Rourke said. "We are practicing every day, and we're working our butts off."

Though it is a club sport, the team is as serious as any other. The women were already at school working hard before the rest of campus arrived.

"We were up here the week before school and started having two-a-days," O'Rourke said.

Although the women's rugby club practices and competes year-round with various scrimmages and tournaments, the fall is their most competitive season,

featuring the postseason playoffs. With close to 50 players on the roster, the team keeps their

**"We would love to make it to the playoffs and further. We are practicing every day, and we're working our butts off."**

**Katie O'Rourke**  
Women's rugby president

competitive edge by maintaining close friendships.

"We are a competitive team year-round so we do become close as a group. We call ourselves the rugby family," O'Rourke said.

Although they are training hard and staying competitive the club isn't necessarily looking to improve their performance on the field, as they are more inclined to improve it off the field, following last

The team has limited funding from the school so they must rely on the community for financial gains.

"We would like to improve on our fundraising, we need more of it this year, we would like to get new equipment and with an increase in funds it would be possible," O'Rourke said.

But the club, while looking to raise money, can also give back. They work closely with the Women's Crisis Center and host a tournament aptly named "Ruggers Against Rape."

With the fall season just a week under way the club is gearing up for another good year. "We just want to get ourselves out there and play," O'Rourke said.



**NEWS**

New freshmen senators elected to the SGA.

3

**LIFE**

Break throughs in UVM's maple tap design yields more sap for sugaring.

7

**ARTS**

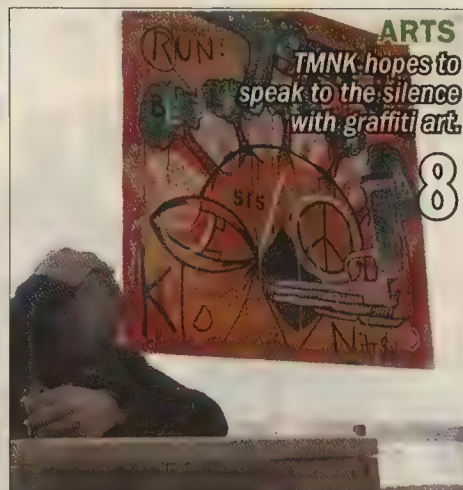
TMNK hopes to speak to the silence with graffiti art.

8

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 3 | Burlington, Vermont



## Colchester Ave. sees attempted abduction

Staff Report

According to a UVM police safety advisory, a man on Colchester Avenue unsuccessfully attempted to abduct a woman on Sept. 9.

The woman was walking on the south side of the street toward Winooski at approximately 9:20 p.m., the advisory said.

According to the advisory, the abductor was described as being a white male in his mid-to-late 40s, between 5'10" and 6'2", who left the scene in "a newer model full size dual rear-wheel pickup truck."

Scott McCarty, a resident who lives at 311 Colchester Ave. where the assault occurred, said he was listening to the end of President Obama's speech on the radio when he heard the woman.

"Around 9:20 we heard this scream outside — it almost sounded like an animal had been hit by a car; it was horrible," McCarty said.

McCarty heard from the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigation (CUSI) that the abductor was waiting for the woman, with his car pulled up on the grass.

see ABDUCTION on page 2

## Players find a new home

Sans sports, former baseball and softball players must create a new UVM



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Once the host of UVM's baseball team, Centennial Field now lies dormant due to February's budget cuts, which resulted in the termination of the baseball and softball programs. The cuts, which went into action at the conclusion of the spring 2009 season, left more than 40 student-athletes without a team to call their own.

For the full feature, see page 6



CRAIG GUILD | The Vermont Cynic

Brennan's chefs Hunter Houde (middle) and George Hawley (right) of Burlington plate and serve a stack of Brennan's new popular item: pancakes. Brennan's remodeled over the summer, adopting new cooking techniques and ingredients to support a more local and healthy diet.

## Brand new Brennan's

University responds to student feedback

By Daniel Friedman  
Cynic Correspondent

With a brand new look and menu, Brennan's restaurant in the Davis center underwent drastic changes over the summer in response to student feedback.

Brennan's was originally part of a New Orleans-based franchise known as World of Wings, or WOW. The previous restaurant offered upscale fast food such as fried chicken and Texas toast.

According to Director of Student Life Pat Brown, there was a prevailing unhappiness from the student body over two main issues.

"Students wanted more local products and healthier foods," he said.

According to University Dining Services Operations Director Tom Oliver, students also didn't like Brennan's appearance,

saying that the colors, which WOW's franchise used in their other branches, were too bright, and additionally, the service was too slow.

"Two things happened when you walked in. You thought it was dirty because of the smell and you thought the food would be fast. Those two things couldn't have been less true," Oliver said.

The movement for a new Brennan's, driven by direct feedback from students and other community members through last spring's focus groups and a campus-wide survey, according to Brown, worked.

Brown said \$10,000 was spent on food service equipment. An additional \$40,000 or so was spent on interior renovations such as a workable light dimming system, repainting of the room

see BRENNAN'S on page 2





ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic

Right to left, freshmen Ashley Crandall, Nathaniel Hobson and Aimee Lacaden entertain themselves at the ALANA Welcome Back Barbeque. ALANA's enrollment rose over 50 percent this semester.

## Class of 2013 is most diverse yet ALANA enrollment a record high

By Claire Eaton  
Staff Writer

In a state where the latest census puts racial and ethnic minorities at 3 percent of the population, diversity is especially relevant to the University of Vermont.

UVM's Board of Trustees takes this responsibility very seriously, having adopted a diversity statement in 2004 saying that diversity and academic excellence are "inseparable."

UVM programs intended to promote cultural and ethnic diversity, like the ALANA programs, are crucial in maintaining an all-inclusive University environment.

The ALANA Student Center, ALANA coalition and ALANA Studies Program are all separate departments that work together to create a more diverse, better educated and better represented student body.

The Board of Admissions reported a total enrollment of 310 new freshman ALANA (African, Latino(a), Asian and Native American) students up from 206 last year—making the class of 2013 the "most diverse in UVM history," Director of Admissions Beth Wiser said.

"The increase has come as a result of many years of building relationships with schools and developing partnerships with organizations that support access for underrepresented and low-income/first-generation students," Wiser said. "In addition, our ALANA students are having a great experience at UVM because of the support they are receiving."

The Board of Admissions, using strategic enrollment management, strives to create a more diverse student body through a "qualified applicant pool," Wiser said.

ALANA students are welcomed to UVM by a supportive community of faculty, staff and students who work together to promote a safe, enthusiastic and exciting university environment, Director of the ALANA Student Center Beverly Colston said.

"ALANA functions as a community hub, with the spokes of the wheel connecting to other communities of UVM," Colston said. "We believe that the students who wish to develop their racial and cultural identities require a supportive community."

Colston expressed the importance of the UVM community's recognition that minority students attend the school for a number of reasons—whether for sports, academics or other factors—and that they do not simply fit one profile.

There are also majority students that choose to identify with the minority and to live in that context, she said.

According to the program pamphlet, the ALANA Student Center offers a network of useful contacts for multiracial and biracial students including Alianza Latina, the Asian American Student Union (AASU), the Black Student Union (BSU), the Council for Unity (CFU), and the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

Each of the ALANA-affiliated organizations seek to "enhance [students'] overall experience" at UVM through creating relationships with other students, organizations and communities, and to allow students to "have a balance of academic and social involvements."

The recent increase in the number of ALANA students speaks to the changing demographic in the country, Colston said, and admissions is working on letting people of color know that they are welcome and wanted at our University.

"Taking the time to build relationships is really important," she said. "We want folks to know that, if they send their kids here, we will keep them safe. This is their home away from home."

Among newer developments in ALANA, advocacy work has increased over recent years.

Greater inter-department communication and observance of student's experiences have been instituted, and programs to support leadership and community-building have also gone up.

With a constantly growing Student Center and greater ability to serve the student body, ALANA remains a valuable campus resource that helps multiracial and biracial students to feel welcome, find a community in which they are comfortable and have their voices heard in an increasingly diverse university setting.

## BRENNAN'S Restaurant gets a makeover

and new tabletops.

Brown added that the money came from a budgeted amount that was spent on local vendors and service providers. It was also used to pay for carpentry and project manager costs.

The restaurant is now a local food eatery, with a commitment to organic and all natural foods, what Oliver describes as "sustainable practices."

An item like the Farmer's Breakfast which costs \$5.75 and includes two cage-free eggs, Vermont potatoes, organic scallions and Vermont sour cream is an example of how many components of a meal are now locally grown.

Oliver said that the items on the menu are now cheaper than they were last year.

"Everything is homegrown,

now, as opposed to paying a cost to the franchise. We've eliminated nooks and crannies where pennies are added to the cost," he said.

One of the sustainable practices Oliver referred to involves sending all the restaurant's compost to Intervale Community Farm, a local farm that provides food for the Burlington area. The farm uses the compost from Brennan's to grow crops, which are in turn bought by Brennan's.

"That's a cycle that is very unusual to be able to complete," Oliver said.

Oliver also expressed the desire for Brennan's to have a "Muddy Waters" feel to it.

With new items on the menu, and a new, darker look, employees and students appear to be enjoying Brennan's far more.

June Sweet, who worked at

Brennan's both this year and last, said that "it wasn't an easy adjustment, but we're getting there. I like it a lot more this year."

Not all students, however, are pleased with the new Brennan's.

"Last year I could go to Brennan's late at night and get greasy college food," sophomore Anthony Baez said. "This year, there is less food variety, it costs more — as if the school doesn't already charge enough — and even though I know it's healthier, I don't think it tastes as good. And what happened to the wings?"

UVM Senior Eliese Dykstra feels differently.

"I love the new Brennan's. It's finally something that reflects what's important to a lot of students, which is eating locally," she said.

## ABDUCTION | Colchester Ave. attempt unsuccessful

As she was walking by, the man forced his fingers down her throat to silence her.

McCarty said the woman was able to get away by biting his hand, and running down the street toward Winooski.

Colchester Avenue is often

poorly lit at night, a factor that McCarty suspects played a role in the abductor's location.

UVM Chief of Police Lianne Tuomey suggested several safety tips for traveling around campus, including being aware of one's surroundings, traveling with a

friend, and taking the shuttle or the CCTA bus systems.

The Burlington Police is asking for anyone with information about the incident to call the police at (802) 540-2213.

### Mac Sales and Service

APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc. Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more. Service of PC's as well.

Baha Computer Works, 200 Main street, Burlington.  
bahacomputerworks.com

baha@madriver.com  
802.279.8756, 802.657.3933

## THE BEAST LOVES FRESHMEN.

The Beast of the East is ready for you this winter. With more than 100 après ski and restaurant options, the famous Killington Road nightlife, Collegiate Snowfest in January and a mountain known for its pipe and parks, including the Burton Stash, Killington is the place for college students this winter. The College Pass is valid for all full-time undergraduate and graduate students all season with no blackout dates (certain requirements apply).

COLLEGE SEASON PASS  
Only \$329\*



KILLINGTON.COM/COLLEGE  
800.621.MTNS

\*Does not include applicable taxes. Restrictions apply. Go to [www.killington.com/college](http://www.killington.com/college) for complete details.



## SGA senators chosen

By Austin Stone  
Cynic Correspondent

The Student Government Association's (SGA) polls closed last Thursday, naming five new first-year senators.

The five positions of the 42-person senate were set aside, as they are every spring, for fall's incoming class.

Throughout the two-day election, 473 voters, freshman to senior, logged onto the SGA website and selected five candidates of the 20.

Tram Tran received 103 votes, giving her a margin of almost 20 votes above other candidates.

Following Tran, Brandon John-Freso ended with 85 votes, Courtney Robinson with 82 votes, Ali Sadeghi with 76 and German Vivas with 71.

The winners come from a variety of backgrounds including class presidents, SGA treasurers, sports captains, as well as leaders of volunteer organizations.

Katie Rifken, SGA chair of public relations said she was pleased with the enthusiasm and energy of the first-year students throughout the entire process.

"It was a great time meeting

them all ... encouraging first years to get involved," Rifken said.

"It was great seeing reciprocation for our efforts," she said.

Originally, nearly 80 participants expressed interest in SGA by obtaining the necessary paperwork, however, only 20 candidates ended up collecting enough signatures to secure their name on the ballot.

Currently, the five new elects only serve in the senate, but in the next few weeks, they'll get assigned a position in one of the five open committees, based on their academic and overall interests, SGA President Bryce Jones said.

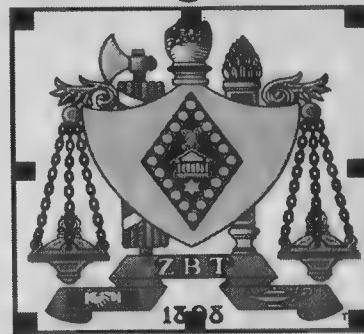
Jones also said that there are two on-campus appointment spots still open.

In order to be eligible for these, students will need to fill out an online application, which will be evaluated by the executive committee as well as the president and vice president.

As of Friday, two of the new elects already confirmed that they would be attending the SGA's annual retreat that was held this weekend.

## ZETA BETA TAU FRATERNITY

Is looking for men that want to be  
"Founding Fathers!"



ZBT, founded as the nation's first Jewish fraternity now open to all Men of Good Moral Character, wants YOU! Leave a legacy and become a Founding Father by starting a NEW non-pledging fraternity at the University of Vermont.

For more information, please contact Ben at  
317-258-3307 or [zbt@zbtnational.org](mailto:zbt@zbtnational.org).

He's on campus now!!!



[www.ZBT.org](http://www.ZBT.org)

## New global studies program draws academic interest

By Sydney Schachter  
Cynic Correspondent

The open house of UVM's new Global Studies program drew in a large crowd last Wednesday.

Students came to learn more about the Global Studies major and minor that are now offered under the Global and Regional Studies department.

Many students at the meeting had already declared a Global Studies major, but others came to learn about the program for the first time.

According to Luis Vivanco, Director of the Global and Regional Studies Program, the Global Studies program has become the fastest-growing major in his department, and he expects that number to continue to grow.

The Global Studies program is designed to teach students about different perspectives on interconnections and interdependencies around the world, explains their website.

Global Studies majors are required to complete 30 credit hours of classes in the Global Studies curriculum.

Required courses include two Global Studies specific courses and four core courses that can be picked from three thematic areas. The remaining credits can be chosen from a list of electives and study abroad programs.

Minors in this department

have no pre-requisites and are required to take Introduction to Global Studies and six credits from a list of core courses.

Many students expressed interest in the Global Studies program because of their interest in foreign cultures.

"I love foreign languages, foreign culture and traveling," one attendee said.

Students are highly encouraged to study abroad or in other settings in the US, Vivanco said.

"[You're] no longer learning about the world, you're learning in the world, from the world," he said.

According to the program's Philosophic Goals Statement, "Global Studies assumes a cross-border perspective on historically-rooted trends and issues that increasingly affect all societies."

The approach to learning from multiple perspectives draws a large group of students to the program.

"I'm interested in Global Studies because of the opportunity to learn in so many disciplines," another first-year attendee said.

The website lists a variety of career opportunities associated with a Global Studies major.

The list ranges from international law and development to non-profit work and activism.

**BRUEGGER'S**  
BAKED FRESH

FREE  
WIFI!

# Hunger Dismissed!

Hey Students! Study  
and **SAVE** at our place!

CAT'S CRATCH  
ACCEPTED!

With this coupon & student ID

**FREE**  
Bagel with  
Cream Cheese  
with any Naked Juice purchase



One coupon per person, per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Only original coupon will be accepted. Prices do not include tax. Valid at participating locations only. Expires 9-28-09. PLU 840

With this coupon & student ID

**FREE**  
Small  
Coffee  
no purchase necessary



One coupon per person, per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Only original coupon will be accepted. Prices do not include tax. Valid at participating locations only. Expires 9-28-09. PLU 509

With this coupon & student ID

**FREE**  
Lunch  
Sandwich  
with beverage purchase



One coupon per person, per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Only original coupon will be accepted. Prices do not include tax. Valid at participating locations only. Expires 9-28-09. PLU 771

**Burlington**  
93 Church Street  
802-860-1995

For more free stuff and great deals become a Bruegger's fan on **facebook**



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

## Asst. Managing Editor for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie  
Ida (Features), Diana Giunta  
(Sports)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda  
Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew  
Kuperman

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Stephen Hudecek, Claire  
Eaton, Ally Perleoni, Kruti  
Kansara, Rachel Bowker,  
Brendan Buckless, Bria-Leigh  
Yazic, Joe Martin

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Taking health into our own hands

Amid all the discussions on health care reform — the public option, single-payer system, free market — there is one factor that has been continually downplayed by the media. That is the personal factor — the role the individual citizen plays in health care reform.

President Barack Obama touched on this problem in his speech last Wednesday, explaining that “[t]he problem is, such irresponsible behavior costs all the rest of us money.

If there are affordable options and people still don’t sign up for health insurance, it means we pay for those people’s expensive emergency room visits.”

The extent of our personal responsibility to contribute to the health care system, however, is not tantamount to our responsibility to purchase our own health care. Being sure that we have health care when we have to go to the emergency room is only half of our duty — it is a retroactive line of defense.

As individual citizens, we need to compound our contribution to health care reform by being proactive and taking measures to ensure that we do not end up in the hospital in the first place.

Of course, there are genetic diseases, certain forms of cancer and other ailments that are not in our hands to prevent.

However, there are multitudes of preventable accidents and diseases. Lung cancer, emphysema, diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, heart attacks — these are just some of the many afflictions we can avoid by not smoking, drinking less, eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly.

Even car and bike accidents that result in thousands of expensive hospital visits could be easily avoided with just a little bit more attentiveness and responsibility on the road.

Driving while using a cell phone, driving while tired, angry or inebriated, or speeding — all these easily avoidable situations take lives and cause injuries, and they result in hospital visits and skyrocketing health care and health insurance costs.

Since the New Deal, we Americans have been looking to our government as societal parents. We expect them to clean up after us and take care of us, and then we fuss when they tell us we should do our work and be responsible.

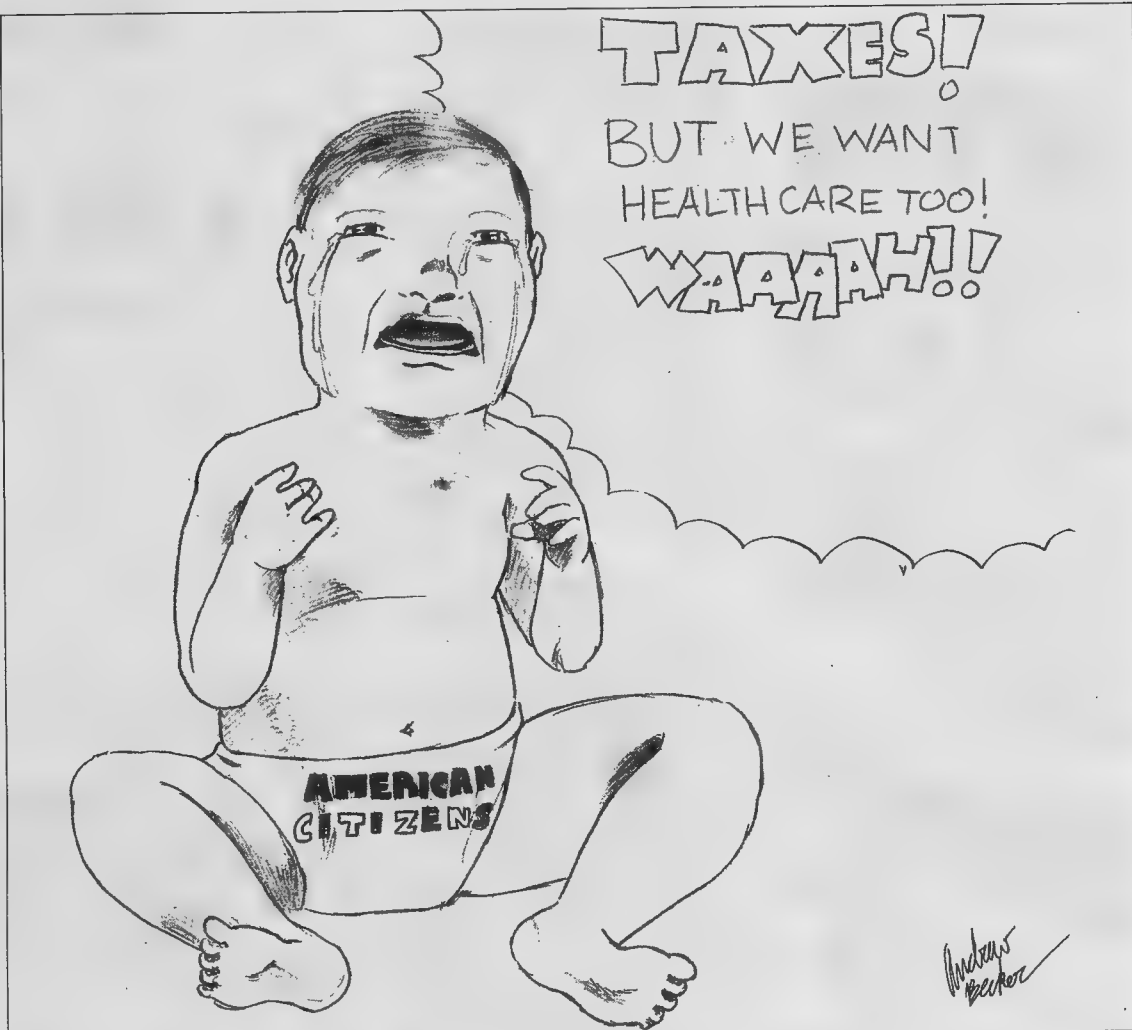
The reality is that true health care reform starts with individuals taking care of their own health.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“WITHOUT OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT, COMPANIES WILL USE OUR LAKES AND RIVERS AS DUMPING GROUNDS — AND THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT IS APPARENTLY GOING ON.”**

— Representative James L. Oberstar, a Minnesota democrat on *The New York Times’* discovery of widespread violations of the Clean Water Act.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).



## COLUMNISTS



MICHAEL FARLEY

## E-cycling is re-polluting

Do you remember your first computer?

You know, the one you used to play Number Munchers and Oregon Trail on?

The one you downloaded so much illegal music and who-knows-what-else on to the hard drive that it begged for mercy?

Do you remember what you did with it?

Chances are you did one of four things:

Kept it, and still played Oregon Trail regularly.

**Updates** — Updating your PC will prolong its life by keeping all its software running as efficiently as possible.  
**Battery Care** — Charging and draining your batteries will actually keep them alive longer than keeping

Gave it away. Kudos to you.

Trashed it. Shame on you. Or lastly, recycled it. Double shame on you.

Of course, I know all about the “Green Movement” that’s sweeping the nation much like the parachute pants craze did in the ’80s, but if you think the final resting place of our recycled electronics is in some factory where rows of workers happily dismantle yesterday’s technology, you’re horribly, horribly wrong.

There is a much darker side of the e-recycling world, as investigated by a special on *60 Minutes* that aired on Aug. 30.

In the fields of China, Bangladesh, Ghana and many other countries, your old recycled PC sits in a gasoline-soaked pile of unwanted electronics where they are burned.

The plastic melts away, mercury- and lead-filled picture tubes burst, a cocktail of chemicals wafts into the air, rivers turn to ash and migrant workers, mostly children, sift through the rubble in search of the precious un-melted metal components that they will collect and re-sell — ultimately to American compa-

nies. **Heat Control** — Just like the piles of burning PCs, heat will kill your machine. Keep them cool and they will last much longer.  
**Cleanliness** — Like a runner who smokes a pack a day, your

electronics won’t work as well if they are full of dust.

**Occasional Repairs** — You wouldn’t drive your car without getting it checked out every now and then, why not do the same with your electronics?

This is the nightmarish reality of the American e-recycling dream. The trend of shipping our electronics overseas where they become pollution is just beginning to be exposed and is something we all must be aware of and fight against.

In trying to clean our country, we pollute others. We leave it to those without our technological luxuries to clean up the mess we leave behind when our technology becomes obsolete.

So instead of tossing your old electronics into the “e-recycling” bin, consider giving them to the local places that will take them off your hands, fix them up and sell them to those who may not be able to afford something newer.

You can even sell it yourself, or save it as a junk computer to play old games on, a spare hard-drive, or use it to learn how to fix and build your own PC.

And remember, some things aren’t as green as we would like them to be.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He started writing for The Cynic in the spring of 2008.*

Join *The Cynic*.

Stop by the office on the first floor of the Davis Center.

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482



COLUMNISTS

# Rhetoric is not going to reform education



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

He should have known — he really should have known. After only a few trials, Pavlov knew that his dogs would salivate at the sound of a bell, but Obama hasn't yet discovered that half the population will scream "socialist" at the sound of his voice.

Last week he gave an address to students beginning school, encouraging them to work hard and value their education. As you may have heard, many parents were outraged, school districts refused to participate and many parents kept their children home.

During the pre-address fuss, it came to light that the Department of Education was circulating the idea of a classroom activity where children would write papers on "how to help the president."

Naturally, there was a flurry of anger and the proposal was rejected.

It reminds me of that great line from John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask if you can keep your child out of school because your president's a communist."

And what a pinko speech it turned out to be.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it." Isn't that how they do things in Sweden?

"Every single one of you has

something you're good at. Every single one of you has something to offer." Is it just me, or is that suspiciously close to, "each according to his abilities?"

In all seriousness, Obama should have been able to foresee some degree of controversy, even if it was unwarranted, in making a direct speech to people's kids.

I'm beginning to believe Obama has a real weak spot for what he calls "teachable moments."

He seems to have a great degree of confidence in his ability to untangle longstanding issues with the right combination of words — think Skip Gates and Jeremiah Wright or his Middle East address.

Apparently, if you tell someone they are an incredible, magical orator long enough, they'll probably start to believe you.

Much like his attempts at smoothing out Middle East or race relations, Obama doesn't seem to realize that reforming education is an issue that suffers from no lack of talking or trying.

Most of the speech was clichéd, albeit good, advice and inspirational stories — Obama's right at the forefront — and that kind of rhetoric isn't going to solve the problem.

You certainly can't begrudge him for trying, but he could budget his resources better.

Actually doing big things beats talking about them — and acting rather than talking could also help him get out of the speech-controversy-outrage cycle he seems to be trapped in.

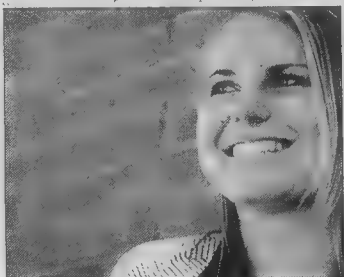
*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since the spring of 2009.*

## Issue 2 Correction

In the Sept. 8 issue of the Cynic, in the article titled "Das Bierhaus — a Cynic sneak peek at the new food spot," a sentence was published that likens Das Bierhaus to the raucous festivals seen in the movie Beerfest.

The Cynic and Das Bierhaus would like it to be known that the restaurant has no intention of creating, allowing or endorsing anything resembling "a scene of excessive alcohol intake, as seen in 'Beerfest.'"

# What Obama should have said



JULIA MICHEL

Last week, President Barack Obama spoke to high school students in Arlington, Va., about the importance of working hard in school.

Unfortunately, concerns about the speech's partisan content forced the president to water down his message and turned a potentially inspiring speech into a reminder about turning off the Xbox.

Here's what the president should have said:

"When I was young, my family lived in Indonesia for a few years, and my mother didn't have the money to send me where all the American kids went to school. So she decided to teach me extra lessons herself, Monday through Friday — at 4:30 in the morning.

Now, I wasn't too happy about getting up that early. A lot of times, I'd fall asleep right there at the kitchen table. But whenever I'd complain, my

mother would just give me one of those looks and say, 'This is no picnic for me either, buster.'

She taught me a lesson I hope to pass along to you.

Education is the key to the door of opportunity. But it doesn't just happen.

After all, circumstances may dictate where we start the race, but it's individual hard work that determines where we finish.

It's that idea, the idea of equality of opportunity — that with hard work any American can succeed — which was the crux of the promise the founders of this country sought to extend to its citizens.

But not all American students have seized this incredible privilege.

Over the years, the passion and dedication to learning has waned.

The United States might lead the world when it comes to military might, but it no longer commands the lead when it comes to math, science or reading, and trends show us slipping in the international rankings.

A recent report found that in math, America's 15-year-olds ranked 32 in the world.

This country will not continue to lead the world without a renewed commitment

to its education system.

The growing acceptance of mediocrity is like an army of termites eating through the bedrock of American schools. It feeds ravenously on the laziness, falling standards and widespread denial of the value of hard work present in the minds of the students sitting in our classrooms.

I promise to do my part — too many tests, too little money and too few teachers have posed real challenges to the education system and in the next few years, I hope to turn all of those things around.

But there's something I need from each of you: a profound promise to shun the status quo and work as hard as you can to be excellent.

Because for every American student, excellence is not only in sight — it's within reach.

With all of this in mind, take some time and make yours up.

Just remember: to write your own destiny, you're going to need to know how to write. Thank you, good luck and God bless America."

Cue Hail to the Chief.

*Julia Michel is a junior global studies major. She has been writing for The Cynic since the spring of 2009*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Clean up after yourself, please

Dear Editor,

As I biked through campus last Monday, I noticed no fewer than 15 pieces of litter easily visible in front of each major dorm complex. How hard can it be to stumble inside and find a trash can?

The fact that there aren't many trash cans or recycling receptacles outside is not an excuse, because in each building there are clearly marked recycling, trash and compost bins.

Take a walk around campus after any weekend of partying and you will notice litter everywhere. Solo cups, cans, bottles and other party accoutrements are scattered across the greens near the dorms and along roads throughout campus.

Does fun cause chronic littering? Does having too good a time make the ground look like a giant wastebasket hungrily waiting for garbage?

In any case, the answer should be no.

Unfortunately, the students of the University of Vermont are not living up to the reputation of their University. The hardworking sanitation staff cannot possibly be the maids of each student.

I chose to attend the University of Vermont mainly because of the prowess of its environmental conservation programs. I have quickly noticed the attention to detail the University pays not just to recycling, but to compost and renewable energy sources.

UVM is ranked number four in the nation among the most "Green" colleges, according to the Sierra Magazine, scoring 97 out of 100. It is also the first

University to have a LEED (Leadership and Excellence in Environmental Design) Gold Certification for its student center.

We should be thankful that our University cares so much about our environment.

This isn't just a school — it is our home, and we should have a big part in keeping it clean and beautiful.

It is our time to start helping out. If you want to keep our school green, the next time you see your buddy toss an empty can on the street, do something about it.

Sincerely,  
Max Krieger  
Class of 2013

### Responding to ResLife scheduling

Dear Editor,

I read Jeff Ayers's disgruntled editorial through the eyes of a former RA and disagreed completely.

First of all, I just want to point out that the opening weekend schedule is entirely the brainchild of ResLife higher-ups, and RAs have to follow it not because they want to, but because it's their job. Let me stress that your RA probably wants to be at these planned activities less than you.

Also, it is a wild exaggeration to say that these activities don't allow for any free time that weekend.

The sessions take up about half of a day total, and not a single one of them is mandatory. If your RA told you they were, it was so that you would go. I'm not going to lie, I did this to my floor — sorry, Millis 2 low.

So, with his remarkable independence, Jeff could have skipped every single activity and not gotten into an ounce of trouble.

But he would have missed out on meeting his RA, meeting kids from his floor and asking any questions he might have had about college life.

There are plenty of freshmen who would not seek out their RA, like Jeff, to ask a question. The opening weekend schedule puts them face-to-face with their RA and gives them the opportunity to ask whatever they want.

As boring as it is, opening weekend helps a lot of people. I'm sorry that Jeff is not one of them, but it's worth it to bore a couple kids to benefit the many freshmen who need a little more help.

Sorry if you feel babied, but I think you can suck it up for a weekend to benefit your peers. After that, you're on your own. Your RAs don't want to babysit you any more than they have to.

Amanda Wildermuth  
Class of 2010  
Former RA

### Butts out

Dear Editor,

Picture this: Every morning you wake up and look out your dorm room window just in time to catch the sun beginning to peek over the top of Ira Allen Chapel. Beautiful, right?

Now picture a thin trail of cigarette smoke curling across the window. You follow the trail of smoke down to the front of Converse Hall, where two benches flank the path to the door, offer-

ing respite to weary college student.

Only instead of college students, there are numerous hospital employees raising lighters in unison to ignite their Marlboros, Camels and Newports. Smoking's legal, right? Yes. So what's my problem? It's the butts left behind.

I'm all for the right to smoke. My mother smoked religiously until I was 12 and my father has been known to enjoy his pipe every now and again, so hospital employees enjoying a cigarette or two during their break, though ironic, doesn't bother me in the least. My "beef" is with the debris left behind.

The cigarette butts lining the path and twisted into the lawn of Converse are unnecessary. If there were somewhere to put the butts, however, the whole problem could be avoided. A simple trash can would render this entire letter useless, and I would be happier.

Maybe some plan to install a community ash tray has already been discussed and is simply tied up in a heated legal dispute over who's responsible for the funding: the hospital or UVM. I'm kidding of course, but weirder things have happened.

All joking aside though, a small part of the tuition I pay to attend UVM is simply for the beautiful campus. Sharing that campus with hospital employees puffing on cigarettes is fine with me. But please, find somewhere to put the trash left behind. Wearing sandals to class and having to stop to pull a butt from between your toes just shouldn't happen.

Jeff Ayers  
Class of 2013



# ...And they're out

How former baseball and softball players are readjusting to a UVM without their sports

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

"I chose to graduate early so I wouldn't be on campus next semester and have to look at the empty Centennial Field sit silent with an uncertain future of its own."

Kyle Tufts, senior  
Former UVM baseball player

Last spring, UVM baseball players sat silently in Ira Allen Chapel, in the uniforms they would no longer be asked to wear, protesting the University's decision to end the sport that had helped to shape their lives.

Nonetheless, the program left and so did most of the players. For those that stayed, life at UVM is very different.

The UVM athletic department announced in February that it would be discontinuing varsity baseball and softball at the end of the 2009 season. Due to budget cuts, 43 student-athletes were left without teams to play for and five UVM staff members were left without a program to work for.

With their sports no longer offered this year at UVM, the majority of players have chosen to transfer to other schools in order to continue playing their respective sports.

"Some [players] have graduated, some have been drafted into Major League Baseball, most all of the others have been forced to transfer away from UVM in order to play the sport they have been trained to play their entire lives," senior Kyle Tufts, a former UVM baseball player said.

"There are even more who had committed to come to UVM to play baseball this year who had to change plans after Feb. 20."

For those players who chose to stay at UVM, the University is honoring all of the scholarships that were awarded to the student-athletes.

Though most players of the former teams are no longer at Vermont, Tufts has chosen to stay and graduate a semester early rather than complete his entire senior year without baseball.

"I chose to graduate early so I wouldn't be on campus next semester and have to look at the empty Centennial Field sit silent with an uncertain future of its own," Tufts said.

Choosing to stay at UVM largely because of the issues involved with switching universities, Tufts said he would not be able to continue playing baseball without making significant sacrifices to his academic career.

"Many factors, including the difficulty in transferring three years of credits and starting all over at a new school for one year... played into my decision," he said.

Junior Caroline Goddard, a former softball player, is more optimistic about staying at the University for her two remaining undergraduate years.

Despite the incredible sadness she feels over the loss of her sport, she also values her experience and education at UVM enough to stay at the University.

"When it came down to decide whether to return to UVM, I had to set aside my bitterness at the athletic department that gave up on our softball program," Goddard said.

Although the administration discontinued her sport, she is reluctant to leave behind the rest of the

UVM community.

"In the end though, I couldn't let a few administrators overshadow the fact that I love this school," Goddard said. "It's a real testament to the professors, students and people I've met here that I loved Vermont enough to come back."

Although she's happy at UVM, Goddard says that the University is not the same place without softball. She has lost teammates and friends to other universities as they have continued to play softball elsewhere.

"While the year is just beginning, I can already tell that it will be very different," she said. "I'm not allowed by NCAA rules to play intramural softball and the idea of playing on a club team just doesn't live up to my previous two years of experience as a Division 1 softball player."

Besides the student-athletes and UVM employees who were touched by the budget cuts, the UVM community and surrounding area has also been affected.

Some community members have been outraged by the University's actions.

Jim Carter, who graduated from UVM in 1983 with a master's degree in education and is now a public school teacher and baseball coach in Vermont, has actively tried to voice his concerns about the morality of the decisions made by the administration.

"Bill Currier [former head baseball coach] had been the head baseball coach for 22 years before his position was eliminated," Carter said in an e-mail to Vermont media outlets.

"Here was a loyal, talented and dedicated employee. The student-athletes he coached had a 95 percent graduation rate. Yet, in spite of his dedication to the University as a student and employee over those 26 years, coach Currier was not offered an opportunity to finish out his working life with a job position at UVM. Does this seem right?"

Carter also questioned the logic of the decision to cut baseball and softball.

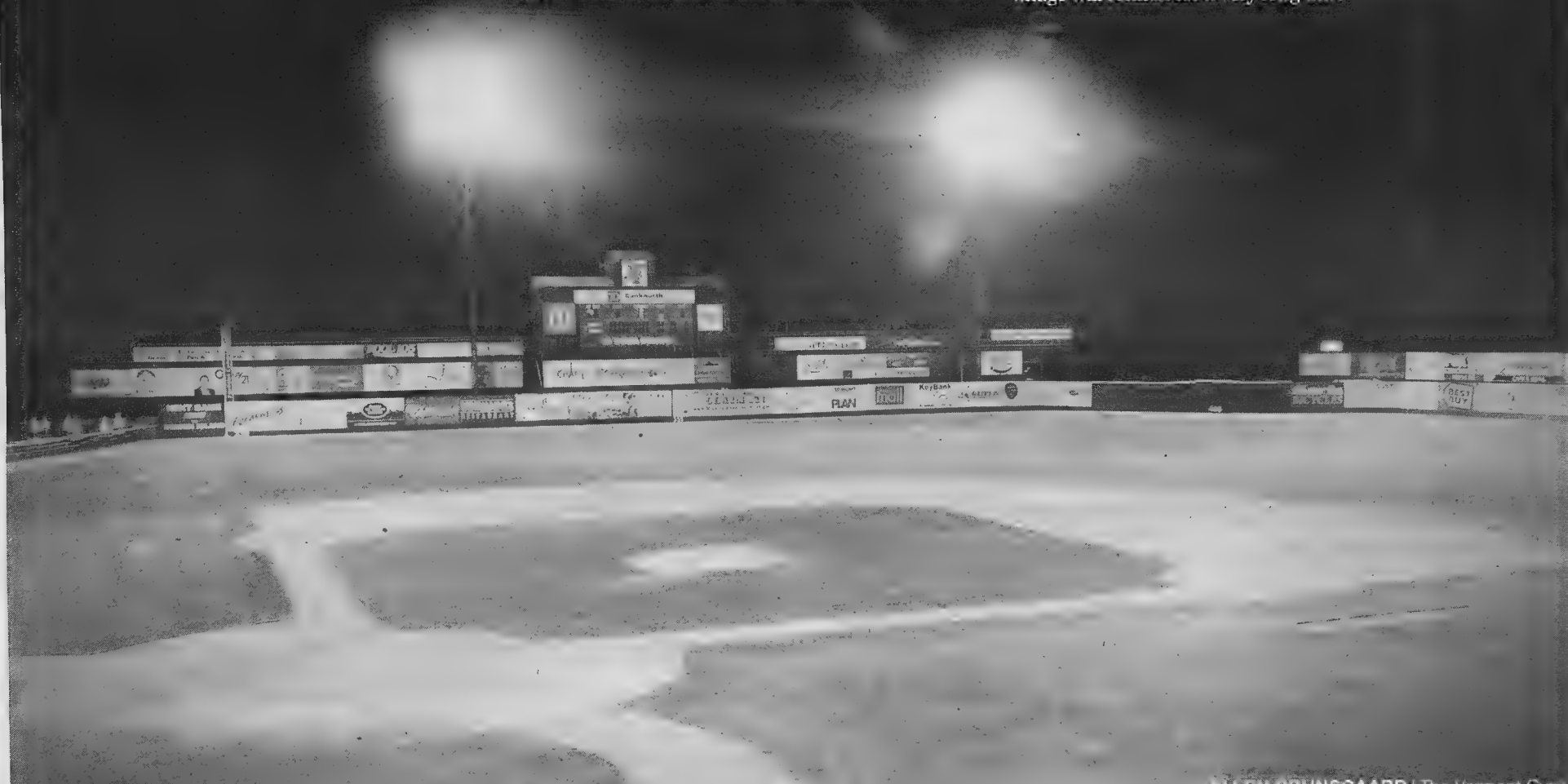
"Although UVM baseball was the 17th least expensive sport, out of 20 at the University, the Athletic Administration deemed it necessary to eliminate the sport due to budgetary factors," Carter said. "Softball was also eliminated though it was the least expensive of all sports. There are still many unanswered questions regarding that decision."

Another community concern is that the minor league baseball team, the Lake Monsters, will potentially leave Burlington due to the condition of Centennial Field.

The Lake Monsters "brought in over 84,000 fans this summer and provided good old-fashioned fun, not to mention much revenue for Burlington," Tufts said.

"I am sure that you are aware of the staggering loss this would be for the Vermont community in terms of lost revenue, jobs and family entertainment," Carter added.

Centennial Field no longer bustles with activity, and though the future of the field is uncertain, this image will remain for a very long time.







ANDREW COLLINS

## Local overland: The city of Quebec

If you're trying to do some exotic road tripping this semester but can't afford the fuel to go to South America, try cutting upland into Canada's frozen tundra.

A lot of people at UVM have been to Montreal. They go for the culture, the libraries and the chance to brush up on their French skills.

If you haven't been, check it out before you graduate — but I'm promoting the Canadian metropolis you may not have seen in a drunken stupor — Quebec City.

It's quite a bit further than Montreal — about four hours as opposed to one and a half — but it's quite beautiful and feels as foreign as Paris.

The drive really lets you see the landscape, too. You'll be amazed by how open the country is once you get a few miles north of Montreal; there are some serious Midwestern-looking expanses.

And it doesn't take long to be out of the English language bubble, an experience that is pretty interesting in itself.

People working in the city will probably speak English, but most other people won't cater to English-speaking needs. Quebec has a strong connection to French culture — including the pomposity and dislike of Americans.

But don't let that deter you.

I was there during the Bush regime, so you'd probably have an easier time avoiding any discussion of politics these days. I had to duck in my car to escape the political chat at that time.

The Quebec has a lot of history, which I'll give you the opportunity to research yourself: spectacular architecture and cobblestone streets that would make your grandma feel like she's back in the old country.

Classy as it is, there are inexpensive accommodations to be found in the form of euro-style hostels.

A brief online search yields a few; I won't plug the one I stayed at because they're not paying me, but it was quite nice.

If you're feeling adventurous and desolation is your thing, try motoring further north. There are some spectacular mountains and a few logging roads to explore if you've got a truck.

Quebec — both city and province — is beautiful in the winter because the city looks like something out of your favorite childhood Christmas movie.

It's also the coldest place I've ever been — and if you read my last column — you'd know I've been to the Arctic Circle.

Seriously though — my co-driver and I would park, brace ourselves and literally sprint to the bar to ensure our appendages wouldn't fall off. Our nose hairs froze.

On second thought... maybe you should try to make it up there before Thanksgiving. Don't forget your passport.

# Flannel is finally fashionable again

## New trend is good news for UVM

By Katie Gioia & Cindy Amoako  
Copy Chief & Staff Writer

Until recently, the only place you came across flannel was on the shoulders of a farmer cutting wood or in a retro movie from the mid-'90s.

However, in the past year, this used-to-be-rural print has burst out of the barn doors and back onto the mainstream fashion scene into the threads of urbanites and celebrities across the country.

The most popular print of flannel, it seems, is buffalo plaid (the one that looks like a picnic tablecloth).

Many have decided to stick with the authentic red-and-black pattern, but designers have taken a hold of the design and tweaked it with new color schemes to fit today's trends.

Sure it may have been popular during our childhoods, but there have been definite changes. No more baggy flannel, it's all about the fitted shirts — for both guys and girls.

Not down with button-up shirts?

It's all good, because stores are now selling lots of options. From fitted caps to flats, leggings to high tops, handbags to headbands,

this print is virtually everywhere — we think because it's easily accessible and affordable.

The lumberjack connotation that goes along with this pattern is legitimate.

Dating back to the days of Lewis and Clark, this design was created from two differently colored thin wools woven together to make a light, but still warm, fabric. It then became popular because of its comfort and practicality.

Buffalo plaid first became a trend rather than a practical item of clothing in the '40s and '50s.

It wove its way back in the '90s with the emergence of grunge bands, such as Nirvana, sporting baggy flannel tops.

Unlike earlier plaids, '90s buffalo plaid had a purposefully messier look to it — today, it has cleaned-up and gone beyond the rock music scene.

The plaid has even transcended into the hip hop scene. It is not uncommon to see a rapper rocking a neon green buffalo plaid fitted cap.

UVMers, you're in luck — and in style — this season. The trends have come full circle once again to welcome the classic Vermont print.

So bust out your best plaid and look forward to the winter.

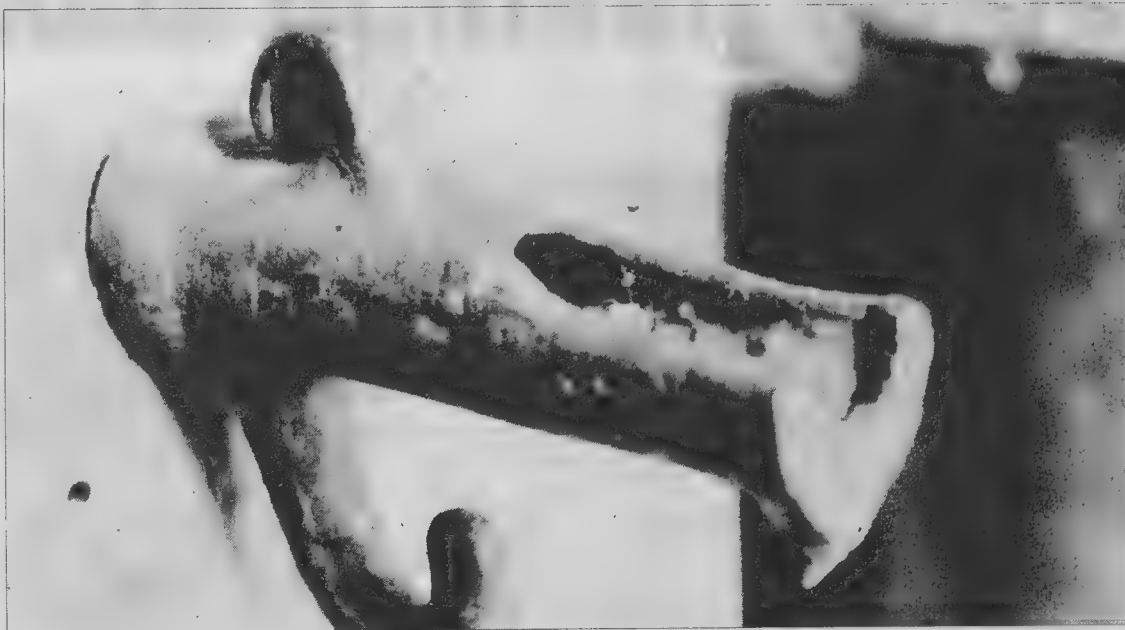


DARRION WILLIS | The Vermont Cynic  
Buffalo plaid, a trend dating back to the 1800s, is back in style this year and can be seen throughout the UVM campus.

## Living life to the 9s at Magic Hat's annual party



ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic  
Hundreds of Burlington residents celebrate "9tacular," Magic Hat's famous block party. The celebrations included a live band, a laser-light show and 99-cent #9 beers.



DARRION WILLIS | The Vermont Cynic  
New taps being developed at UVM will produce more sap than traditional taps (pictured above).

## UVM maple tap redesign helps sugar makers

By Todd Baribault  
Staff Writer

When warmer, sunnier days usher in maple syrup season next spring, a new design of the maple tap means a possible increase of the syrup harvest for producers throughout the maple belt.

Director of UVM's Proctor Maple Research Center Dr. Timothy Perkins said the idea to incorporate a check valve into the tap materialized in October 2007 as he was working to find ways to increase sap yields.

Perkins said that ordinary taps have a relatively simple design — a hollow portion is put into the tree where the sap flows out of the tap into plastic tubing that carries it to a storage tank.

This new tap he said prevents bacterial contamination and back flow of sap.

The result? The tap produces 50 to 90 percent more sap using the same hole, Perkins said.

Perkins said that prototypes were tested beginning in spring 2008. After he and his colleagues finalized the check valve system, they modified existing spouts and tried them in the field.

The spouts modified were adapter-type spouts, Perkins said, meaning that the tap is separable from a "stubby end" that attaches to the plastic tubing.

"We found that it did, in fact, produce more sap than the standard valve," he said. "At that point UVM decided to patent it."

That's the realm of Todd Keiller, director of the University's Office of Technology Transfer.

"If someone like Tim comes forth with a new idea, they have a duty as an employee to disclose it to the university," Keiller said.

According to Keiller, a local company — Leader Evaporator of Swanton — was chosen to develop and market the tap.

The technology was licensed to them, Keiller said. "They pay

us for each tap sold, and we share whatever we make with the inventor, in this case Tim Perkins."

So far, Leader Evaporator has more than one million of the taps on order, company president Gary Audette said.

There is one caveat. Unlike traditional taps, the new tap — like all "adapter-type" spouts — must be replaced each season, Perkins said.

"In order to get the best production you have to have a clean interface," he said. "UVM Extension and the Vermont Department of Agriculture are looking into recycling the spouts."

Disposability aside, the tap has the maple industry abuzz with excitement.

"If this does work as well as we think," Audette said, "it could make a huge difference to the entire North American maple syrup industry."





BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

TMNK, a graffiti artist from New York City, displays his art at Pine Street Art Works downtown. TMNK is opening at the art gallery in time for the South End Art Hop.

# Spray painting social messages

New York City-based graffiti artist TMNK hopes to use his creative voice to help the world

By Julia Weichert  
Asst. Arts Editor

TMNK is an acronym that means "the me nobody knows," reflecting the artist's goal of speaking for people without a voice, which speaks volumes through his art.

To see TMNK's artwork is clearly an artistic experience. His large canvases are filled with color and depictions that bring to mind abstract art, often conveying some kind of social message.

However, to have a conversation with TMNK about his paintings is not to speak about composition or aesthetics, but rather about purpose and making a difference in the world.

"If I get any sort of spotlight, any recognition, I want to use it to help others — use it to inspire others," he said.

"It sounds kind of corny," he said, "but it's the importance of each of us realizing we can make a difference in the world in how we treat others."

TMNK did speak a little bit about his art directly in talking about his inspiration.

"Each of us is given a time we live in," he said, "telling stories about what happened during that period. Most of our stories are told by historians; I filter in music, culture, every experience I have, and leave messages others can interpret."

TMNK discussed wanting to be a role model to show young people what they can become, especially as an alternative to a violent lifestyle.

"I realized that if one of the people I influenced had a good lifestyle that they might not have had otherwise — that's way more important than hanging a painting in the museum of modern art," he said.

Calling himself a dreamer, TMNK spoke about aspiring to be successful — not to be rich or famous, but rather to be able to do things like open an art gallery for young kids in urban areas.

**"If I get any sort of spotlight ... I want to use it to help others."**

TMNK  
Art Hop artist

"All the things that tear us apart tend to come from people not knowing each other more," he said. "When we live together, work together, I think it starts to heal. That's the main importance to me."

TMNK certainly has a strong sense of purpose, making painting sound more like a vocation than an artistic endeavor.

"My job is just to work," he said, "to create a body of work. Hopefully I do more good than harm. Hopefully I leave a message that resonates."

"It's not really about me," he said of his art. "It couldn't be for just me. There's got to be something bigger."

HIGHER GROUND & GILLET ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PRESENT

## THE DECEMBERISTS

ON SALE NOW!

with special guest  
Laura Veirs & The Hall of Flames

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 8PM  
FLYNN THEATRE

TICKETS: FLYNNTIX.ORG, 802-86-FLYNN  
OR AT THE FLYNN THEATRE BOX OFFICE  
HIGHERGROUNDMUSIC.COM  
DATES & ARTISTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE HAZARDS OF LOVE  
AVAILABLE MARCH 24  
PREORDER AT DECEMBERISTS.COM

The Point





# Newly remastered classics

Old albums show new life in these clutch releases

## The Beatles discography

The Beatles' much-awaited first stereo remaster since 1987, the stereo remasters sound deeper, richer and fleshed-out.

## "Neil Young," "Everybody Knows," "After the Gold," "Harvest" by Neil Young

The remastered versions of the first four Neil Young albums, transferred from the original analog master tapes, benefits immensely from remastering to High Definition (HDCD) sound.

## "Dirty Work," "Steel Wheels," "Voodoo Lounge," "Bridges to Babylon" by The Rolling Stones

The newest Rolling Stones remasters, while not groundbreaking, do touch up various wrinkles and accentuate the bass.

## "Ill Communication" by Beastie Boys

The remastered version of the 1994 chart-topping album, which mixed up hardcore punk with brassy lyrics, captures synthesized words in pristine sound.

# Oil paintings reflect a past city lifestyle

By Katie Ida  
Assistant Features Editor

When was the last time someone put a 6-foot block of marble in front of you and said, "go for it"? For Gillian Klein, that was the moment she threw down the chisel in favor of oil painting.

Oil paints are her time capsule, Klein said.

"Rembrandt smelled it and it made him feel happy, Van Gogh smelled it and he cut off his ear. It feels like being part of a club."

She loves the tradition, the luster and the smell of the paints. "You never hear about the famous acrylic painters of the past," Klein said.

Her playfulness with oils and love of the medium is obvious when viewing her work. The muted gray and blue scenes appear childlike and soft.

The fuzzy road ahead pictured in "Dawn" emanates with the comfort of driving home in the early morning.

Yellow and red dot the traffic lights lighting up the dusty, grey buildings.

Klein considers being an artist her primary job.

Doing things a little differently this year, mostly due to the sad state of the economy, she put her paintings up for sale last weekend.

Selling her paintings is a rare occurrence, but "I don't want to

die with the largest collection of my art work," Klein said.

Self-described as "mellow and easy" but "a real city girl at heart," Klein's work reflects her ties to her former home of New York City.

Trying out the rural landscape for a while, Klein said. "I couldn't stand it. It was so boring."

"I hope that people can see that calm, the separate chaos and beauty."

Gillian Klein  
Burlington artist

Now a resident of Burlington, Klein calls it "microcity," with a lot to offer but "less attitude."

The urban and rural juxtaposing in the intense blue oils of Klein's "Bridge" seems to be a representation of Klein's own life.

Lights dot the canvas, illuminating a serene city — the landscape is under a gentle haze, characteristic of most of her other paintings.

"I hope that people can see that calm, the separate chaos and beauty," Klein said.

She exhibited her paintings last weekend at the South End Art Hop.

# "Extract" lacks in flavor

Occasional laughs aren't enough for fans

By Dan Suder, Lizzie Wheeler  
Cynic Correspondents

Coming from the highs of "Office Space" and "Idiocracy," Mike Judge hoped to please audiences with his newest project, "Extract." Despite some good performances and a handful of laugh lines, the film fails to live up to expectations.

The film follows Joel (Jason Bateman), the owner of a flavor extract factory, as he experiences various disasters in his personal and professional lives. As his home life falls apart, an unfortunate workplace accident puts his business in jeopardy.

In an effort to rectify the situation, Joel turns to Dean (Ben Affleck), his irresponsible best friend. Dean's less-than-helpful guidance — a gigolo, a con artist and a single ketamine pill — lead Joel along a wacky path of destruction and mild hilarity.

The script has its moments, but leaves the audience craving the never-ending laughs of "Office Space." "Extract" is entertaining enough in the theater, but wouldn't hold one's attention in a dorm or living room.

In the style of "American Pie," its slapstick humor clashes with a subtler variety in the vein of "Arrested Development." While both types of jokes provide laughs, the combination is jumpy and inconsistent, as though Judge doesn't know his audience.

Some characters are recycled from Judge's older works, while others are caricatures of working-class America. Bateman, Kristen Wiig and Mila Kunis are

convincing, but audiences have seen these characters before.

Bateman plays a carbon copy of "Arrested Development's" Michael Bluth and Wiig seems like she is still playing a quirky suburban housewife on "SNL."

Affleck, conversely, takes a new turn as a slacker bartender and adds refreshing humor to the film. It's a novel role for Affleck, and he consistently pleases.

The lesser-known actors almost outshine the more famous leads. Clifton Collins, Jr., Dustin Milligan and Beth Grant all create laughs, while David Koechner plays Joel's annoying neighbor perfectly.

Despite good performances and a decent script, "Extract" falls into some typical dry-humor traps.

Judge uses silence to heighten the awkward humor, but it occasionally slows the movie. Because of this, the numerous jokes feel few and far between.

While "Extract" has a soundtrack, it is poorly used. A shot of Joel driving, for example, lacks backing music and desperately needs it. Tighter editing and better use of the soundtrack would serve to keep the audience entertained.

If you're flush for cash, go and see this movie.

It could be a fun way to spend an afternoon or evening. Otherwise, it's probably not worth your \$8.75.

Though it has drawbacks, most audiences can extract some entertainment from this flick.

Overall rating



### Create a Tzedekah Box!

**Prizes: 1st Prize = \$300, 2nd Prize = \$150, 3rd Prize = \$50**

Artists are encouraged to be creative and use whatever materials inspire them. Boxes must not exceed the size of 5' tall, 3' wide, 3' deep.

Entries will be exhibited from Oct. 1st-16th in the Center for Cultural Pluralism Allen House Gallery (461 Main Street, Burlington).

For the rules: [www.uvmhillel.org](http://www.uvmhillel.org)

*The word "Tzedekkah" is derived from the Hebrew root Tzade-Dalet-Qof, meaning righteousness, justice, or fairness. In Judaism, giving to the poor is not viewed as a generous, magnanimous act; it is simply an act of justice and righteousness, the performance of a duty, giving the poor their due.*

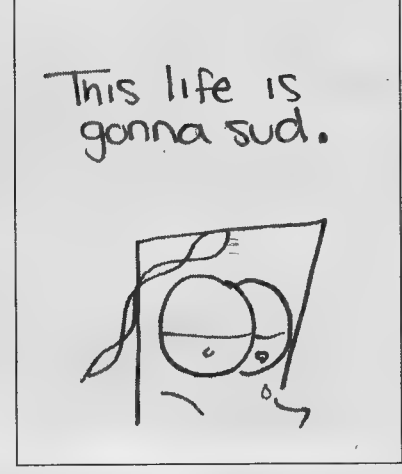
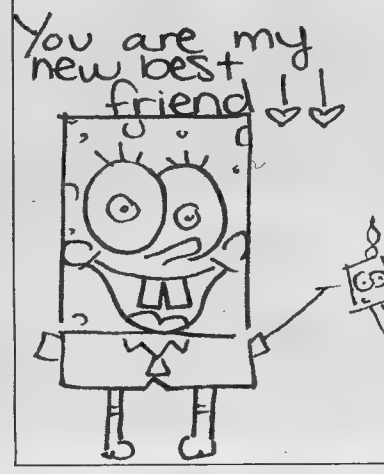
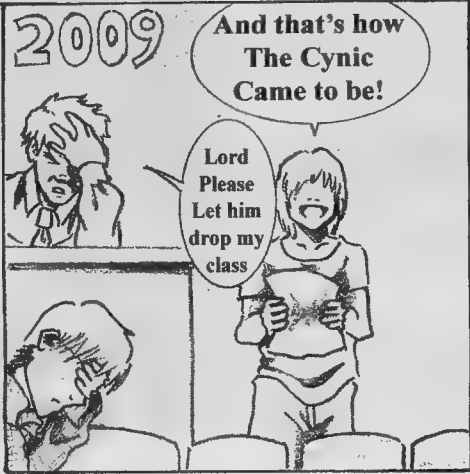
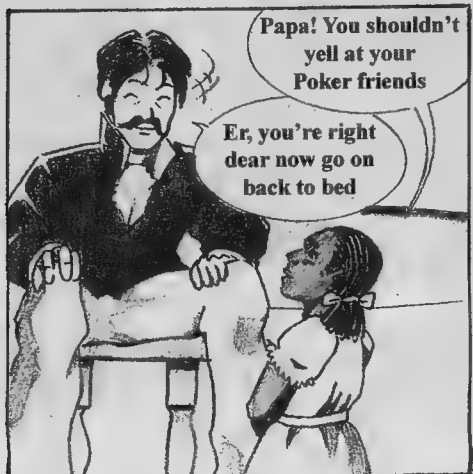
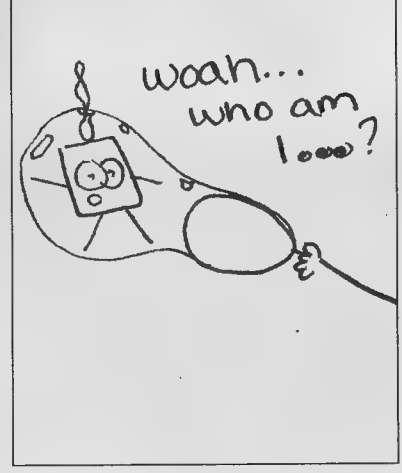
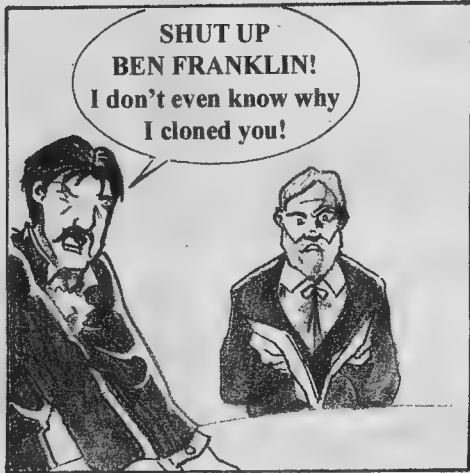
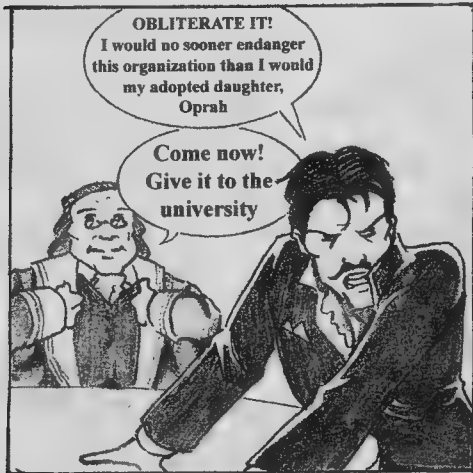
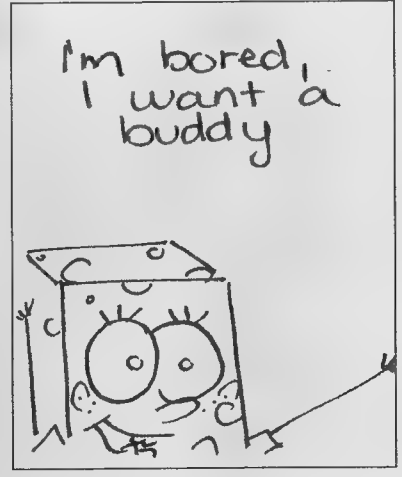
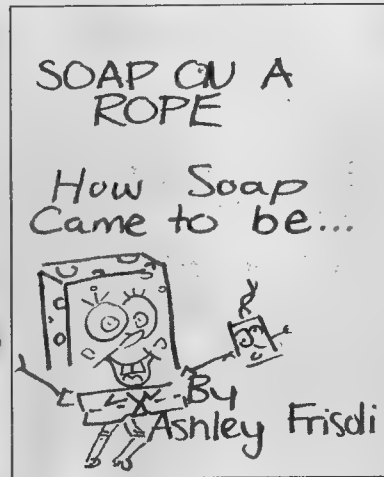
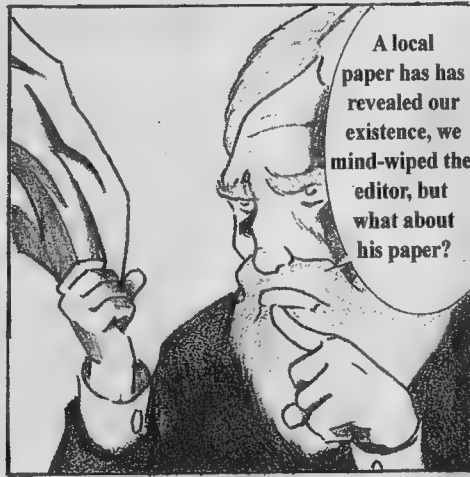
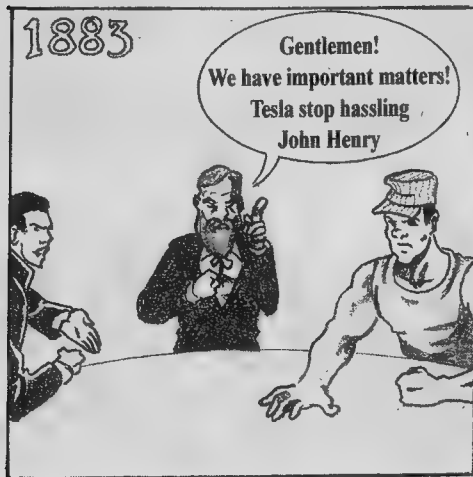


## The Adventures of Joel &amp; Chris

by Andrew Becker

## Soap on a Rope

by Ashley Frisoli



author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller  
DRESS YOUR FAMILY IN CORDUROY AND DENIM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 7:30 PM

AN EVENING WITH  
**DAVID  
SEDARIS**

BURLINGTON, VT  
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

TICKETS:  
FLYNN TIX BOX OFFICE  
FLYNN TIX.ORG, 802-86-FLYNN



# Catamounts make strides in men's soccer draw against Portland U

Freshman DJ Elder scores his second collegiate goal in Smith Barney opener

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer

The University of Vermont men's soccer team battled Portland to a 1-1 draw in their first of two games of the 19th annual Smith Barney Classic.

After getting on the board with a goal in the fifth minute from freshman D.J. Elder, the Catamounts could not hang on for the win — relinquishing their lead via a Portland goal in the 64th minute.

This was the second straight game the Cats were unable to hold a 1-0 lead, surrendering two goals in the second half to Bucknell on Sept. 6.

**"I think we made progress, and the one thing about this team is they've constantly gotten better."**

**Jesse Cormier**

*Men's soccer head coach*

"I thought we fought to the end, but we are learning how to finish a game," head coach Jesse Cormier said. "I think we made progress, and the one thing about this team is they've constantly gotten better."

The game progressed with plenty of back-and-forth play. Both teams got their fair share of opportunities with each squad having shots ring off the crossbar. The opposing sides started flexing their muscles and fighting to end the stalemate with a late goal.

There were seven yellow



UVM Junior Juan Peralta steals the ball from a Portland player on Friday evening in the Smith Barney Classic. Catamount head coach Jesse Cormier said the team is improving with each game.

cards handed out in the game, all coming in the second half and overtime. Both teams were racking up fouls from hard tackles as they tried to hold their ground.

"I think this team in particular is one of the better teams we're going to see," Cormier said. "They tested us in a lot of different ways."

With only five seniors on the team, the Catamounts are

young, but they are growing and improving and are still looking for their first win of the season.

"Coming away from it I think we are in good shape," Cormier said. "As long as we continue to progress, I think we're going to make some teams struggle."

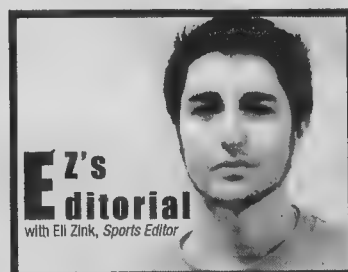
The Cats played well and showed toughness in this game, looking especially strong in the air, winning the majority of headers. They also had some

great opportunities on net but were unable to finish.

With the slate of conference games coming in October, the Cats have time to improve their play on the field.

Cormier can see the team's steady development and thinks the team will be ready to make an impact once conference play begins.

"I feel good about our chances," Cormier said.



## Is UVM becoming more spirited of a university?

We're tucked away in a small city in the Green Mountains that is accented by a vast lake. We're known for our funky and artistic character, but definitely not for our sports.

But that may be changing now. Looking back just nine years ago in the spring of 2000, UVM's total enrollment was just over 7,000 students, which was 500 fewer than three decades ago in 1981.

There just wasn't much expansion going on at the University. But now it is quite the opposite. Just nine years later, we are over 12,000 students and that number is increasing with each semester.

The more students we gain, the larger the immediate Catamount fan base grows. School spirit is increasing not only in the sheer number of the population, but in the passion of the fans.

I can clearly remember the ESPN Bracket Buster game at Patrick Gym last year when the Cats played Buffalo to try to up their chances of making the big dance. There was plenty at stake and the troops of fans rallied to the call.

Another vivid memory I have is watching the Frozen Four game against bitter rival BU. The back-and-forth game conjured emotions I had never seen among Catamount fans.

There was screaming, shouting, cursing and the throwing of empty PBR cans at the TV.

It was then when I realized that, though it had yet to scratch the surface, this school has a lot of pride in their Cats.

But it doesn't always show. For the past five years, the men's soccer team has perennially sat in the top half of the America East under the guidance of head coach Jesse Cormier. But this talented group doesn't always get the support it deserves.

There is a lack of support not only on the field but also on the hardwood. Women's basketball, the 2009 America East champions, rarely had a sold-out game despite having two of the most exciting players in the conference.

Now that the population is rising, all it takes is for students to attend the games. I know there is passion — I've seen it firsthand. All that must be done now is for students to let that inner fan out.

We aren't a prime-time football school but I've seen how people tailgate at North Beach. I'm quite sure people at this university know how to warm up — or shall I say pregame — for a soccer, basketball or hockey showdown.

So let it out. Strap up the boots, zip up your jackets, slam your drink and make sure your face paint isn't running — I'm sure I'll see you there.

## Cynic Sports NFL Predictions

By Jake Ahrens, Senior Staff Writer

### New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys Pick: Cowboys

The new Cowboys Stadium will be on full display for their regular season opener on Sunday night against their division rival, the New York Giants. The Cowboys will be without the T.O. show — that's V.H.'s problem now — and probably for the better. Now Dallas will have a chance to get the ball to their real playmakers.

This is the second week in the regular season and teams are still figuring out their identities, but even so, this game is rife with upset as the Cowboys will take down the Giants who easily took the division last year.

### Indianapolis Colts vs. Miami Dolphins Pick: Colts

The Dolphins are a tempting choice, surprising everyone last year with their run to winning the AFC East

and earning a playoff berth. They brought future Hall of Famer Jason Taylor back to play as an outside linebacker and drafted the gifted former West Virginia quarterback, Pat White, to help diversify their wildcat system. Still, look for this game to be a reminder that the Dolphins got by easy last year by playing some bad teams and will lose to the Colts, who are consistently one of the NFL's top teams.

### New Orleans Saints vs. Philadelphia Eagles Pick: Saints

This game should be entertaining. The Saints boasted the league's number one offense last year, scoring more points than any other team. The Eagles can also put up points, ranking sixth in the NFL in scoring a year ago. The Saints have one of the best offensive lines in the NFL, allowing only 13 sacks last year, and they should be more than capable of holding the Eagles' attacking defense at

bay. The Saints are marching into Lincoln Financial Field by lighting up the scoreboard.

### Baltimore Ravens vs. San Diego Chargers Pick: Ravens

The Ravens fly to the West Coast in this battle of two playoff teams last year. The Ravens will count on their defense to stop the Chargers' potent air and ground attack, and rely on their bruising running game to win it. The Chargers are aptly named the most talented team in football, but when push comes to shove — and it shall — the Ravens have that nasty streak in them and the Chargers will fold under the brutal hits and power of the Ravens.

### New England Patriots vs. New York Jets Pick: Patriots

Division rivals, the Patriots and Jets will match up in another fiercely competitive game. With Tom Brady back and running the show, it's

hard not to like the Patriots in this one. First-year coach Rex Ryan will have his work cut out for him in the Jets' season home opener, trying to hold back a Patriots attack that recently saw Brady break the record for most touchdown passes and as a team score more points than any other in the history of the NFL.

### Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Chicago Bears Pick: Bears

It is early in the season, but not too early to say the Bears will upset the defending Super Bowl champions. Jay Cutler will have his work cut out for in his second game in a Bears uniform. But he will get help from the recharged defense and second-year running back, Matt Forte. Look for both teams to play well in this cross-conference game, as well as throughout the season as they are both set to make playoff runs.





# Vermont shows progress despite 1-0 loss to UPenn

UPenn's Abigail Egan scores the game's only goal after a scoreless first half in the Sheraton Classic

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

It was a hard-fought 1-0 loss for the Catamount field hockey team Saturday as they fell to UPenn in the first game of the fourth annual Sheraton Catamount Classic.

The game started off slowly with a scoreless first half for both teams, but with 21 minutes left in the second half, UPenn senior Sarah Warner sent a waist-high pass to sophomore Abigail Egan who knocked it in for the game's only goal.

"I think we came out in the first half really strong, definitely connected a lot of passes up the sides, which was really one of our focus points in practice all this week," UVM sophomore Sarah Becque said. "Last weekend we had trouble finding the connections up the sidelines, and when we do find it, we have some moments of brilliance."

"What we learned today is that we need to play 70 minutes of hockey — just go for the whole time. There were times when we did let up," Becque added on what the team can build on from this game.

In the Sheraton Catamount Field Hockey Classic, which UVM has won twice in the past three years, the Catamounts will also be competing against UC Davis.

UNH is also participating in the tournament.

Though this was a tough loss for the young Catamounts, as they were unable to score, they feel they are making progress and remain optimistic about the strength of their team moving



NATHACHA CAMILLE | The Vermont Cynic

Though the Cats have gotten off to a rough start, the team is confident that they will be ready to compete for a conference title.

forward to the rest of the tournament and the season.

"It's a process — game by game we're moving forward," head coach Nicki Houghton

said. "Right now we're a very young team and it's not about the results ... we feel like every game — and every practice — we're growing."

Check out [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com) for a profile of senior goalie Kristen Heavens.

## UVM's football club young, but steadily improving

Students support the green-and-gold clad footballers UVM hasn't seen in more than three decades

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer

The men of UVM's only football team know they are undersized, under-skilled and under-resourced compared to the teams they face, but they are not ready to say they don't put forth great effort and potential.

"We try to keep a positive attitude," president and club founder Doug DeLuca said. "Our mental approach to the

game and our execution are what's most important."

After dropping their first two games of the season, a close 24-17 loss to Castleton State and then a tough 28-3 loss to Norwich University, the club is looking to move forward and improve.

Winning now is important, but not what is most important for the club. They are still in their infancy, with this fall season being their third year as a club, and second competing against collegiate programs.

Junior vice president Sean Martin agrees, saying the team needs to be competitive to show their growth as a club and as a team.

"We are doing everything we can to get better, but it takes time to develop and build a team — we just don't have the available resources," Martin said.

The resources Martin is referring to are a combination of player personnel, equipment for on and off the field and resources that can make it more of a complete program. And for now, the football team will remain a club because in the

foreseeable future, getting them established as a varsity team is unlikely to happen.

**"We are doing everything we can to get better, but it takes time to develop and build a team — we just don't have the available resources."**

Sean Martin  
UVM football club  
vice president

The club is practicing three times a week, additionally meeting for film sessions once a week. But compared to the 40 hours their competition is putting in a week, the discrepancy is obvious and the results are seen on the field.

Throughout the past two years of playing other collegiate programs, the UVM club

football team has yet to win a game against them.

Despite the deck being stacked against the football club, it has not changed their determination to go out, compete and have fun.

"Day to day, we are looking to improve," DeLuca said. "We are looking to be prepared come game day and play a fluid fast game."

The club plays a fast, speed-oriented style of football to help counteract their small size. On offense they run the option, a system designed for a team with small offensive linemen, which is exactly what the team has.

Being a young football club that is struggling for wins, it has not dampened the spirits of UVM students who are happy to support any football that is affiliated with their school, showing up in large numbers with solid crowds at the club's first two games.

With another home game coming up on Sept. 20, look to the stands for the fans in green, rooting for the team on the field donning the gold and green football uniforms UVM has not seen since 1974.

### Calling sports fan to debate!

Cynic sports readers — every week *The Cynic* does a sports debate show called "Face Off" which is recorded and posted online at [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com).

If you are a big sports fan and would like to come debate headline sports topics with our writers, we would love to have you!

Plus you get to get your pretty faces online. If you're interested, come by *The Cynic* office and ask for Eli. The office is located in the wing of the first floor of the Davis Center past the computer depot.

Contact: [vcsports@uvm.edu](mailto:vcsports@uvm.edu)

### 2009 Season Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 1:30 p.m.  
UVM vs. CDFL - Albany @ BHS

Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 1:30 p.m.  
UVM vs. Middlebury @ Middlebury

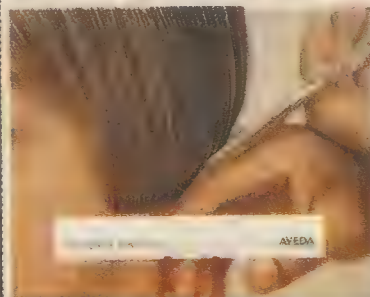
Sunday, Oct. 4 @ 1:30 p.m.  
UVM vs. Endicott @ BHS

Sunday, Oct. 11 @ 1 p.m.  
UVM vs. Williams College @ Williams

Sunday, Oct. 18 @ 1:30 p.m.  
UVM vs. Dartmouth @ Dartmouth

Sunday, Oct. 25 @ TBD  
UVM vs. TBD

salon  
**obriens**



HAIRCUTS COLOR WAXING  
FACIALS MANICURES PEDICURES

University Mall S Burlington 863-2273  
247 Main Street Burlington 658-6565  
Essex Junction Shopping Ctr 878-4534





LIFE

Broke in Burlington puts a new spin on an old college town

7

ARTS

Pen and ink illustrations draw locals to Frog Hollow Craft Center

9

SPORTS

Cross country lands in second place in Pre-American East

11

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, September 22, 2009 | Volume 126 Issue 4 | Burlington, Vermont

## Federal stimulus spurs UVM research

UVM receives more than \$7 million

By Patrick Dowd  
Cynic Correspondent

As the result of the \$787 billion federal stimulus package passed in February, UVM researchers have begun seeing more grants approved for research.

The stimulus, called The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), is currently sponsoring 23 research projects at UVM with \$7,328,781 in grants as of Sept. 11, according to The Office of Sponsored Programs.

"We are all very dependent on this federal funding because that's what keeps this research going," UVM professor Jeanne Harris, who currently is funded through the National Science Foundation (NSF) to research the root architecture of bean and pea plants, said.

The NSF is only one of many federally funded organizations that give grants to prospective researchers.

Harris explained how only the top 10 percent highest ranked grant proposals have been funded the past six years. "It's like getting an A or else you fail," she said.

The ARRA stimulus has given federal agencies like the NSF an influx in their budget to create new grant projects and supplement existing projects.

While most researchers' grants get turned down once or twice before receiving funding, Harris was "tremendously excited" to get her \$400,000 NSF grant after only applying once.

Harris's NSF funded research aims to find the relationship between the LATD gene (responsible for growing root tips) and abscisic acid (a plant hormone) in various plants.

Grant money goes toward paying the researchers, providing the materials, and roughly a third goes to the University to cover overhead costs such as lights, facilities and waste removal.

"Salaries are very expensive, and you'd be surprised how fast \$800,000 gets eaten up," UVM professor Sara Helms Cahan said of her four-year NSF grant.

Cahan teaches two 200-level

see FUNDING on page 2



More than a fad  
Localvore movement has  
big draw for Vermonters  
page 6

## Greenpeace comes to Burlington

Since arrival in June, organization has set sights on Vermont Yankee

By Pat Tyler  
Cynic Correspondent

Compared to facing down the harpoons of a whaling ship, navigating Burlington's political landscape is a less harrowing but equally challenging mission for Greenpeace.

Since their arrival, the organization's number one priority in Vermont has been closing the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

"It's one of the oldest and most dangerous nuclear plants in the country," Burlington Greenpeace representative Jared Cobb said. In order for the plant to close, Cobb said, its license renewal must be voted down in 2010.

"There are a lot of options in the renewable sector —

companies in Vermont that specialize in wind, solar, biomass and small hydropowerplants," Cobb said.

"It's not really a question of what will replace it anymore. It's whether or not our representatives will listen to the people rather than the huge company that owns the plant."

Cobb said that Greenpeace is not alone in the fight to close the power plant.

"There are a lot of local groups that have been working on the Vermont Yankee issue for a long time," he said.

One of those groups, Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), has been supporting local activism since it was founded in 1972.

"We started out on the campus at UVM. So it was initially a student-run organization," Executive Director of VPIRG Paul Burns said. "The idea is that we are trying to protect and promote the health of Vermont's people, our environment and our local economy."

VPIRG has championed the legislative expiration of Vermont Yankee.

"It looks as if the vote were to be taken today it would be very close and you need a majority — a simple majority — to win this one way or another," Burns said.

Opponents of closing Vermont Yankee question whether Vermont can easily find energy sources to fill the power void.

"The only people that would make that argument are those who haven't looked into the availability of alternatives," Burns said.

Burns explained that VPIRG has extensively researched the energy requirements to repower Vermont after Vermont Yankee closes. He remains focused on taking the issue one step at a time.

Stephanie Kaza, co-chair of the UVM Environmental Council and UVM professor, emphasized that although alternative energy may be better than the risks of Vermont Yankee, there is no such thing as a "no impact" energy source.

see YANKEE on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-2 — DISTRACTIONS 3 — OPINION 4-5 — FEATURE 6 — LIFE 7-8 — ARTS 9 — COMICS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com



## UVM police reviewed

By Stephanie Cesario  
Cynic Correspondent

Last Tuesday, two representatives of a national police accreditation program held an open hearing on campus to evaluate how the UVM Police Department is fulfilling its standards.

The program, called Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), lists standards that a police department desiring accreditation must meet.

Police departments are assessed on administration, use of force, victim rights, crime prevention, communications with dispatchers and quality of record-keeping of evidence and finances, UVM Accreditation Manager Susan Lowrey said.

Two CALEA police representatives from across the country, Assistant Chief of Police Tom Engells from the University

of Texas at Houston and Chief Anthony Purcell from University of Alabama at Birmingham, were in attendance.

As an assessor, Engells takes the testimony from members of the community for the CALEA commission, which purposely chooses assessors from far away states to prevent bias.

"Then the reaccreditation is basically coming back and making sure that you're following your standards, policies and practices, and that you're staying current with the most contemporary tools that are available," UVM Police Chief Tuomey said, who also attended the meeting.

Lianne Tuomey said that the department was under no impetus to get accredited, other than a desire to self-improve.

Engells will write a recommendation based on findings that will be reviewed in November in Salt Lake City.

## SGA holds financial workshop

By Austin Stone  
Cynic Correspondent

Over the last two weeks, representatives from many of nearly 150 clubs and organizations attended SGA budget workshops to learn how to manage the clubs' finances.

The workshop, led by SGA Business Manager Blanka Caha and SGA Treasurer Hannah LeMieux, aimed to provide an overview of budget processes, loans and other fiscal transactions relevant to maintaining a positive relationship with the school.

Each club representative attending the workshop, received a packet of information including specifics of the club's total budget.

While the budgets were

determined in the spring, attendees had the opportunity ask questions of the SGA.

In order to accept the provided funds, originally decided upon by the SGA senate, two authorized representatives of each club had to log into "The Lynx."

LeMieux said that the majority of questions dealt with procedural issues, such as logging into "The Lynx," and where forms are located.

"The process is a little tricky," LeMieux said.

There are some club representatives that are coming in that have been taught by past treasurers, LeMieux said. "There are others coming in completely brand new and have no idea how anything works."

## FUNDING | Stimulus money reaches UVM

...continued from page 1

classes at UVM in behavioral ecology and sociobiology. Her NSF grant is for the study of "underlying physiological and molecular mechanisms that allow organisms to be social."

Using ants as a model system, Cahan researches the evolution of social behavior, namely "what causes organisms to become social, and what are the consequences once they become social."

Grants are not approved solely on the basis of research quality or academic merit but are also contingent on the employment opportunities and educational outreach of the project.

Cahan pointed out that though she has a very large grant, the work she produces isn't any more important than the work of a project with a smaller budget because "the means to get to the answers you want are just cheaper."

Professor Gary Mawe has a grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) for \$376,250 to study the neural control of the gallbladder.

Mawe teaches human anatomy at UVM and lectures on

the function of the gastrointestinal tract, in addition to teaching a comparative neurobiology course for graduate students.

The goal of Mawe's research is to understand how the gallbladder works in normal healthy conditions and discover what is going wrong with these processes in disease.

This gallbladder research is one of three projects Mawe currently has going, two of which are sponsored by NIH grants.

Mawe explained that in the '90s, the "good old days," 25 to 30 percent of grants requested to NIH were funded, but recently there's been a delay in funding resulting in only 10 percent of grants being approved.

The NIH received an additional \$10 billion to go towards biomedical research, as part of Pennsylvanian Senator Arlen Specter's conditions for switching from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party.

UVM Professor David Krag received his funding from another organization, the National Cancer Institute, enabling him to extend the research he was already conducting.

Krag is a long-time researcher of breast cancer and is responsible

for developing the radiotracer technique for locating lymph nodes, which makes sentinel node surgery possible.

This method "allows with minimal amounts of surgery to determine who are those patients that do in fact have cancer spread from their primary cancer in the breast to any of the nodes."

Krag conducted the largest surgical trial in breast cancer ever done in the world, involving 5,600 patients randomized to either having the sentinel node surgery or the conventional axillary dissection.

Because of the economic crisis, this trial halted when Krag was denied his funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) twice, until "out of the blue one night" he got an e-mail saying he had gotten his grant.

"[The stimulus] has had a huge impact on the work we do here in Vermont," Krag said, because it is a temporary unburdening of the scientific community's lack of funding, giving researchers an opportunity to do research.

"Plants can't operate in a deficit, they have to make it work or else they die," Harris said. "Maybe we have something to learn from that."

## YANKEE | Greenpeace focuses on power plant

...continued from page 1

"We try to get people to look at the pros and cons of all energy sources," Kaza said.

Students in the Environmental studies program are encouraged to learn as much about environmental issues as they can in order to form informed positions.

"There's no easy, free-energy future," Kaza said. "We have to make compromises and find out

what we can live with the best."

As for Greenpeace, whether or not it will take up any of its world famous protest tactics remains to be seen.

"It's a different fight from other ones because a lot of it's about talking to voters and people in communities and convincing representative to vote the right way," Cobbs said. However, some more active future messages from Greenpeace can't be ruled out just yet.

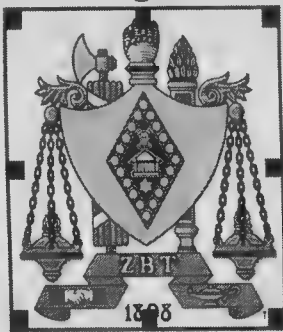
"We're still looking at our options and we'll consider more creative tactics as the campaign goes on," Cobb said.

The 2010 vote will decide the fate of Vermont Yankee, but it's just the start of what Greenpeace is doing.

"There are a lot of other nuclear reactors around the country that are in similar states as Vermont Yankee," Cobb said. "We want to set a precedent with this one."

## ZETA BETA TAU FRATERNITY

Is looking for men that want to be  
"Founding Fathers!"



ZBT, founded as the nation's first Jewish fraternity now open to all Men of Good Moral Character, wants YOU! Leave a legacy and become a Founding Father by starting a NEW non-pledging fraternity at the University of Vermont.

For more information, please contact Ben at  
317-258-3307 or [zbt@zbtnational.org](mailto:zbt@zbtnational.org).

He's on campus now!!!



[www.ZBT.org](http://www.ZBT.org)

Haymarket Books presents  
Environmental writer, scientist, and climate activist  
**CHRIS WILLIAMS**  
**WHAT WOULD A  
SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY  
LOOK LIKE?**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7PM**  
Waterman Memorial Lounge  
85 South Prospect St. (at College St.)  
UVM campus, Burlington

- What is meant by a "sustainable society"? The term or some variant of it is used everywhere, but what does it really mean?
- Can capitalism be "sustainable"? How does Marxism approach the environmental question?
- Would a socialist society be "sustainable"? If so, what would it look like?
- Join us for an exploration of these questions and more.

\*Chris teaches physics and chemistry in New York City and is vice-president of the adjunct professors union at Pace University. His previous work includes the recently published 2-part series: "House of Earth Capitalism: Climate Change and the Fate of Humanity" and "The Green New Deal: A Real Climate Change Solution."

Sponsored by Haymarket Books and the International Socialist Review  
**ISR**  
Haymarket Books



Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17				18						19				
20					21				22					
			23		24		25		26					
27	28	29			30			31			32	33	34	
35					36			37			38			
39				40				41			42			
43				44			45			46				
47			48				49			50				
			51			52			53					
54	55	56			57			58		59		60	61	62
63					64			65						
66					67					68				
69					70					71				

- Across**
- 1- Idle away time
  - 5- Senate attendants
  - 10- Before long
  - 14- \_\_\_\_ Domini
  - 15- Author Calvino
  - 16- It's blown among the reeds
  - 17- Make urban
  - 20- Relaxed
  - 21- Casino area
  - 22- Lustful deity
  - 23- Paris possessive
  - 25- Minimum
  - 27- Emasculate
  - 31- Stops
  - 35- Mountain range in central Europe
  - 36- Inchworm
  - 38- Acapulco aunt
  - 39- Philosopher \_\_\_\_-tzu
  - 40- Gives birth to
  - 41- Illustrative craft
  - 42- Commercials
  - 43- DDE's command
  - 44- Soak up
  - 46- Supplements, with "out"
  - 47- Happened to
  - 49- Empty display
  - 51- Shake like \_\_\_\_
  - 53- The Company
  - 54- Stickum
  - 57- Bad-mouth

- 59- Heals
- 63- Think about
- 66- Knot in wood
- 67- Entreaties
- 68- French 101 verb
- 69- "...countrymen, lend me your \_\_\_\_"
- 70- Suit fabric
- 71- Side

- Down**
- 1- Gammy
  - 2- Draft classification
  - 3- Formicary residents
  - 4- Tree plantations
  - 5- Lulu
  - 6- On
  - 7- U.S. space probe to Jupiter
  - 8- Best of a group
  - 9- Drunkard
  - 10- Musical composition
  - 11- Passing notice
  - 12- Exuding moisture
  - 13- Not e'en once
  - 18- Baltic feeder
  - 19- Declare
  - 24- OK to vend
  - 26- Sour in taste
  - 27- Biblical spy
  - 28- Winged
  - 29- Parody
  - 30- Chuck
  - 32- Post

- 33- Bird that gets you down
- 34- Fresh
- 37- Young salmon
- 40- Hebrew liturgical prayer
- 45- Constable
- 46- Ornamental shoulder piece
- 48- Diners
- 50- Size of type
- 52- Designer Simpson
- 54- Diving position
- 55- Editor Wintour
- 56- Celestial body
- 58- Adult male deer
- 60- Baptism, e.g.
- 61- Poet Pound
- 62- Appear
- 64- CD forerunners
- 65- Application

L	O	A	F	P	A	G	E	S	S	O	O	N		
A	N	N	O	I	T	A	L	O	O	B	O	E		
M	E	T	R	O	P	O	L	I	T	A	N	I	Z	E
E	A	S	E	D	I	T	S	A	T	Y	R			
				S	E	S	L	E	A	S	T			
C	A	S	T	R	A	T	E	C	E	A	S	E	S	
A	L	P	S	L	O	O	P	E	R	T	I	A		
L	A	O	H	A	S	A	R	T	A	D	S			
E	T	O	A	B	S	O	R	B	E	K	E	S		
B	E	F	E	L	L	F	R	I	P	P	E	R	Y	
				A	L	E	A	F	C	I	A			
P	A	S	T	E	D	I	S	C	U	R	E	S		
I	N	T	E	L	L	E	C	T	A	L	I	Z	E	
K	N	A	R	P	L	E	A	S	E	T	R	E		
E	A	R	S	S	E	R	G	E	T	E	A	M		

Sudoku

EASY

6	8		2			4		5
		4	7				2	
			9	5	4			
8	9		6			1		
2		1		4		5		8
		6			1		3	7
			4	9	8			
	6				2	7		
9		5			7		8	4

HARD

		9	8			3		
5				1				
				5		8		
	9	5	6	4		2		
	8					5		
	2		5	9	1	6		
	1		3					
			4					7
		7			2	4		

Word Search

H P M N G E O R D I L A F O R G E Y Q N B Q V R  
T W D Q P A V E L C H E K O V V R O Y G E H B E  
R R M E D R A C I P C U L N A E J C T A V G F N  
B L A H F R W V S H L L F S M L P C H T E E V I  
Y K G W G O F G T L E C E P W N K M C E R O H P  
V M W K E Q R F R O O K F O T L K D C S L R R S  
H M M A N T M E N L A H R C Z L R R H M Y G E T  
L P O C L C S A S R K F C K J E R A R C C E K N  
K E T N L T R K F T T M N I N N N N I F R T I E  
S R V R T D E N C D K N T T N A R O S A U A R R  
J I C A N G A R E I M E A R H E W E T D S K M B  
D D T I R H O A K A R H L O B P L L I D H E A R  
N N M R T B N M J O S T O L F K K L N E E I I R  
N O Q A I N U E E M E D A C E V R F E N R R L D  
Y N N M A S L R I R S N K P Q Y I X C H X R L T  
J O J T P B A A T E Y F I K L J K Q H L C C I M  
J Z R F A K L N M O T S B G J N T L A X B I W K  
J O L R T L T A I R N M C M F K S L P K J W N L  
I G R R I D J L G R F H K O F J E Y E L F M G L  
D E D W T F L K T Z A T D A T A M Y L A R U H U  
T N R O D L E A H C I M G K G T A N B J T T N R  
F G C H I K A R U S U L U M C B J K L N M Z M C

- beverly crusher
- brent spinner
- christine chapel
- dave
- deanna trol
- deforest kelleey
- gates mcadden
- geordi la forge
- george takei
- hikaru sulu
- james doohan
- james t kirk
- jean luc picard
- jonathan fraakes
- leonard mccooy
- leonard nimoy
- levar burton
- majel barret
- marina sirtis
- michael dom
- montgomery scott
- nichelle nichols
- patrick stewart
- pavel chekov
- spock
- uhura
- walter koenig
- william shatner
- william riker
- worf

Mac Sales and Service  
APPLE CERTIFIED laptop +  
desktop  
technician - repairs, upgrades etc.  
Networks, wireless installation +  
support. Sales of pre-owned Apple  
laptops, desktops and much more.  
Service of PC's as well.  
Baha Computer Works, 200 Main  
street,  
Burlington. bahacomputerworks.com  
-baha@madriver.com  
802.279.8756, 802.657.3933

MOTORSCOOTER 2009 KIMCO  
125 cc - Silver; road-ready, tested  
and registered; completely auto-  
matic. Just 00039.4 miles, so it's  
still brand new and looks it. Silver  
HJC helmet incl. Won it, can't ride  
it, so, though the total MSRP is  
\$2,150+, it's yours for only \$1,500.  
802-545-2468 9 - 7.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcosports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie  
Ida (Features), Diana Giunta  
(Sports), Kruti Kansara  
(Photo)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda  
Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew  
Kuperman

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Stephen Hudecek, Claire  
Eaton, Ally Perleoni, Kruti  
Kansara, Rachel Bowker,  
Brendan Buckless, Bria-Leigh  
Yazic, Joe Martin

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

Response  
to violence

In light of the recent attempted abduction on Colchester Avenue, the murder at Yale and other incidents across the nation, it is important that we remind ourselves that acts of violence on and around college campuses, though rare, are real.

It is not our intention to instill fear in the community, rather we feel that it is important to make sure that our students, staff and residents are well informed.

According to the University of Vermont Women's Center, last year 65 people reported incidents to the UVM Women's Center Victim's Advocate. Fifty-four of these cases were violent, 22 were sexual assaults and in more than 80 percent the victim was a white female undergraduate student.

This is not to say that all the men on campus should be blamed or feared as possible assailants.

A 2005 study by the Department of Justice found that there is a very small minority of men committing these crimes and that most of them are repeat offenders.

Therefore, it is not a problem of men against women. The solution, however, will require the cooperation of both sexes.

Too often this topic is reduced to simple tips a woman can use to keep herself safe. And even more problematic is that the victims are often seen as the ones who are at fault for failing to make safe decisions and follow the tips.

The reality is that men can do just as much to help prevent this problem as women. Intervening before an intoxicated friend hooks up with a girl he does not know may prevent more than just an awkward morning after.

Men can also look out for their female friends, whether it means walking them home at night or making sure they don't leave with strangers at parties.

Furthermore, it is important that we recognize the reality of violence in the community as a societal problem that we are all responsible for preventing.

Creating an environment where it is not funny to joke about rape or relationship abuse is just one step we can all take to change the culture that has let this small minority of criminals exist.

Not alienating a victim is another. Victims need the support of their friends more than anything.

This is not meant to be demeaning or frightening, but these crimes do happen, and we can't ignore them, because when they do occur they destroy lives.

The Women's Center works closely with UVM Police, Res Life, Student Medical Clinics, ALANA and many other on-campus organizations to create a comprehensive "coordinated response."

If we want to put an end to the problem of violence and assault in our community, we the student body, need to become part of that coordinated response effort for the future.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"THE INDUSTRY DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE EATING BECAUSE IF YOU KNEW, YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO EAT IT."**

— Eric Schlosser, author of *Fast Food Nation* in the film "Food, Inc."



## COLUMNISTS



MICHAEL FARLEY

A shot for  
citizenship

I choose what goes in my body.

I eat delicious food, drink Vermont beer and take some Tums when all that food and drink does not agree with me.

I also choose what I want kept out of my body.

I do not use narcotics, take pills for my moods or stick pennies in my nose.

The choice of what we put in or keep out of our bodies is, and forgive me for a lack of a better term, a God-given right. Nobody has the right to walk up to you and make you eat, drink or inject you with anything you do not want.

That's the American way. Well, in order for one Florida teen to become American and choose what she wants or does not want in her body rests on the tip of a needle.

Simone Davis, born in Colchester, England, and now a resident of Florida in the good 'ole U. S. of A., is one injection away from becoming a citizen and being able to attend Pensacola Christian College.

As mandated by law, all female immigrants between the ages of 11 and 26 seeking citizenship must be inoculated against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), while their American counterparts of the same age are merely "recommended" to get the vaccine.

Here's the catch: Simone, at 17, is sexually inactive — for religious reasons — and plans to stay that way until after she gets married. She could not have contracted HPV and she will not be able to transmit it.

She says she does not see the point in getting the vaccine when her chances of contracting it are zero and the vaccine could result in side effects ranging from fainting and blood clots to — in some rare cases — death, according to an investigation this August by CBS evening news.

And I agree with her.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, everyone has the right to choose which inoculations they receive. I've never had a flu shot, but there are no immigration officials banging on my door threatening to take away my citizenship.

I'm firmly against many inoculations for more reasons than the space in this column will allow, but I am for more equal rights than anything.

So if it is mandatory for one group of people to be inoculated, shouldn't the same apply for everyone?

And we're not talking about an immigrant pig farmer refusing an H1N1 vaccine here, we're talking about a sexually inactive girl from England who wants to attend a Christian college.

In my book, Simone is more of an American than any injection could make her. She stands up for what she believes in and we could all learn from her.

She truly is the epitome of the American way — I bet Ben Franklin would have told the inoculators to get lost, too.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He started writing for The Cynic in the spring of 2008.*

Join *The Cynic*.

Stop by the  
office on the  
first floor of the  
Davis Center.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



# World aid is finally working



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

Ten thousand fewer children die every day than they did in 1990.

Take that in. Let it marinate. It's great news — and it's true.

According to UNICEF, 8.8 million children under five died last year. Sounds bad — and it is. But compare that to 12.5 million deaths in 1990. It's around a 25 percent drop.

It's also the first time since records have been kept that the number of child deaths in the world fell below nine million.

Also in the "really, really good news" file is the interesting fact that the most precipitous drops in child mortality occurred in countries traditionally with the highest rates.

If you were born in Malawi in 1970, you would have about a 30 percent chance of dying before your fifth birthday — 336 kids out of 1000 did. That's more than one-in-three.

In 1990 it was down to 225. Better, but still atrocious.

In 2008 the number plummeted to 100 kids out of a thousand.

There's something to be learned out of this.

Have you ever heard those critics that incessantly cling to the notion that international aid is ineffective? (If not, just type "foreign aid doesn't work" into Google. You'll see what I mean.)

Dambisa Moyo, an economist and author, wrote an entire book dedicated to

denouncing government aid to Africa.

She argues that it is well-known that aid "doesn't work, hasn't worked and won't work."

Well now you have something to say to Moyo and the other critics.

You can even suggest to them that they communicate their belief straight to the source. They can get on a plane, fly to a developing country, find a mother whose children just got a measles vaccine or antibiotics and report to her that international aid is a useless misallocation of resources.

Certainly the aid situation can be confusing and counterintuitive.

There's private aid, government aid and even mixes of the two. There's aid to foreign governments and on-the-ground projects. And, yes, some of it gets lost in corruption.

But in the end, what does it translate to? Ten thousand kids alive today who wouldn't be.

Is it worth it? I think so.

Understanding the gains that have been made in the developing countries also enables us to grasp the contributions made by those who worked to make it possible.

Donors, charities, international aid workers, even FeelGood — these people deserve exponentially more credit than they receive.

While the war against poverty and hunger is far from over, acknowledging that it's winnable and that gains have been made is an important step.

It can galvanize future action and honor those who've been fighting it.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since the spring of 2009.*



JEFF AYERS

By now, everyone should be familiar with Rep. Joe Wilson's (R, SC) infamous exclamation during President Barack Obama's address to the House of Representatives.

In case you missed it, here's the gist: Obama said that the health care reform he supports would not cover illegal aliens living in the United States. Wilson apparently disagreed and thought the middle of Obama's speech was the perfect time to say so.

"You lie!" Wilson exclaimed, momentarily stunning the president and ruffling more than a few feathers in the House.

Now everyone has been talking about the outburst — whether it was appropriate, professional and so on.

But before we get into that discussion, I think we ought to ask: was Wilson right? Is the health care bill actually going to provide coverage to illegal aliens in the United States?

According to CNN.com, "the bill does not specify a citizenship verification system" in order to receive federal

# He yells the truth

subsidies for health care.

This creates a possible loophole through which illegal immigrants could conceivably obtain federal health care.

So while the bill does not specifically state that it covers illegal aliens, there is certainly a possibility that it could do so unknowingly.

That said, the question that remains is that of the timing and nature of Wilson's criticism.

Many members of Congress and the national media called for strict sanctions against Wilson, who had already apologized to the president.

Vice President Joe Biden said that the outburst "demeaned the institution (Congress)."

Really, Joe? I seem to remember an awful lot of booing and hissing coming from the democrats' side of the room during former President George W. Bush's speeches. Wasn't that demeaning to the institution?

People calling for Wilson's head need to relax. He yelled during a speech. No big deal. Obama's a grown man, I'm sure he's not losing any sleep.

Not only was it just a two word exclamatory sentence, it was hardly the most demeaning act in the long history of the House or the Senate.

In 1856, during a heated debate over the expansion of

slavery, southern Congressman Preston Brooks beat northern Congressman Charles Sumner to a pulp with a cane!

A little too far off in history? How about 1922 when Sen. Porter McCumber (R, ND) grappled with Sen. Robinson (D, AR) over a tariff bill? Luckily neither man possessed a cane, and they were both restrained before punches were thrown.

1922 not recent enough for you? Just this year, members of Congress were tweeting during Obama's State of the Union address.

Surely tweeting is far more demeaning than yelling, "You lie!" At least Joe Wilson was listening.

So let's lay off Joe Wilson. He may be a radical southerner who still wants the Confederate flag to fly high and proud over the South Carolina capitol, but the First Amendment still applies to him.

While his timing was imperfect, his statement wasn't exactly wrong and it was hardly the most demeaning act ever perpetrated in the House of Representatives.

*Jeffery Ayers is a First-year undergraduate student. He has been writing for the Cynic since fall 2009.*

Have an opinion?  
See something you disagree with?  
Put your voice in *The Cynic*!

Write a Letter to the Editor and see it in print here in the Opinion section.

E-mail letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The health reform we should have

Dear Editor,

It's happening again. Just like in the '90s, a new push for health reform has Americans frenzied over the idea of government-run health care.

The democrats' plan for a public option has sparked concern about the fiscal responsibility of the bill, its potentially destructive effect on the private insurance sector and its ability to maintain a free, self-managed health care system for all U.S. citizens.

So rather than defy the will of the American people, why don't Democrats, and Republicans for that matter, come together and pass the comprehensive health care reform that will actually reduce costs and emphasize free market solutions?

Any bill crafted on Capitol Hill needs to address the specific problems that are leading to out-of-control costs.

First, the bill needs to outline a plan to eliminate fraud in the current healthcare system. Currently, fraud accounts for approximately 10 percent, or \$200 billion, of the nation's healthcare expenditures per year.

If reform were to end these criminal activities, the nation would have enough saved capital from this measure alone to theoretically cover the remaining 50 million uninsured citizens.

Second, the bill should mandate the move from paper-based to electronically organized medical records in order to

shore up inefficiencies in the system. Electronically organized records would help the health industry keep up with the current fraud and assist in the elimination of medical errors that also contribute substantially to problems of cost.

Furthermore, there needs to be a focus on accelerating preventive care for diseases such as Alzheimer's, diabetes and cancer.

By creating incentives for research and development in the area of disease prevention, the government can help save money and reduce costs as cases of the afflictions become rarer.

In addition, Washington needs to address the growing problem in the health justice system. Malpractice suits have paralyzed physicians into practicing defensive medicine — repetitive, wasteful treatments designed to avoid lawsuits.

If the reform bill ensures an environment in which both doctor and patient are guaranteed fair compensation and protection under the law, we can greatly reduce the financial pressure now bearing down on the health system.

Finally, no bill should pass that reduces, or worse, prevents the ability of the American people to choose an individual health care plan that best suits their specific needs and desires.

Very few Americans deny the need for comprehensive health care reform, but many want to unnecessarily overhaul the highest quality health system in the world.

There's no need to spend \$1.5 trillion on a new system when we as a nation

can spend significantly less and still accomplish the goals of cost reduction and universal access.

Tell your senators that America wants reform that emphasizes free market solutions and guarantees the people individual freedom regarding their health.

Sam Nolan  
Class of 2011

### Counter-productive counter protest

Dear Editor,

When you think of a protest or a movement on a college campus, it is assumed that college students are the group behind it. In this sense, the University of Vermont likes to break the mold.

In the past few weeks, numerous religious protestors and speakers have come to the University to spread their message to the sinful youth.

The infamous Westboro Baptist Church visited opening week in order to protest Vermont's legalization of gay marriage.

Another Baptist speaker visited this Wednesday and Thursday, holding a large sign reading "Evolution Is a Lie" outside of the Davis Center.

The Westboro Baptist church was met by 100 plus counter-protesters and much of the church's message was drowned out by the crowd.

However, the Baptist speaker met a different sort of resistance. Perhaps students had just come from their psychology or philosophy classes, but instead of a counter-protest, a true discussion emerged.

As ridiculous as the claims he made may have seemed, they weren't met by hatred, but by a genuine curiosity.

The speaker was asked to explain his viewpoint and then students took turns asking questions and explaining their views. At one point, people even started raising their hands.

The dialogue between the speaker and the students demonstrated that polar opposite ideas don't have to coincide with feelings of anger or aggression.

College should be a place of openness and interest. Just because someone has a completely different perspective from you, doesn't mean you should dismiss them as insane or evil.

Despite the distressing nature of the message of Westboro Baptist Church, it is not prudent to address hatred with more hatred because it only adds fuel to the fire.

Anyone who rejects an opinion based on superficial titles, whether it is a liberal college student or a conservative religious group, is clearly too afraid to learn anything.

Max Krieger  
Class of 2013



# Localvore lifestyle sprouts in VT

By Joanna Benjamin & Natalie Vattistone  
Asst. Managing Editor & Cynic Correspondent

## What is "localvore?"

Though it goes by many different titles, "local" food means food that is grown to be eaten, rather than commercially produced. Similarly, a "localvore," "locavore" or "locatarian" is someone who only eats locally grown and produced food.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture defines local as within the state borders or 30 miles of purchase, but local can extend up to within 100 miles, depending on personal preferences.

For some, like organic farmer and state representative David Zuckerman, eating locally comes down to eating in season.

"Crop yields differ from season to season, but eating locally becomes eating seasonally," he said. "You become so much more aware of your local food supply."

As eaters become increasingly conscious of what food goes on the table, restaurants, supermarkets and community members are buying into the local economy by supporting local farms and producers.

"In Vermont, local used to mean anything grown or produced within 30 miles," Zuckerman said. "Now 'local' means produced in Vermont, within 30 miles of the purchase site, food that is clearly labeled with the growing location or a combination of the three."

BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Elsa Adrian buys pastries from David Cannizzaro's Burlington bakery, Panadero.

## The impact of eating local

At the base level, going local is all about personal health and lifestyle choices.

"When you know what goes into the food you're eating, you feel better," Rachel Nevitt, a farmer at the Full Moon Farm, said.

One of the more exciting aspects of going local is seeing the natural differences in food from farm to farm, and season to season, while enjoying the taste of locally produced foods.

"Out of our 40 plus crops, there is never an identical

harvest," Zuckerman said.

As eaters are growing increasingly conscious of what goes on the dinner table, there seems to be an increasing sense of satisfaction in consuming food that can be tracked from seed to harvest to plate.

However, some worry that the price of organic local food will create too much of a strain on already tight budgets.

"There is this perception that local is more expensive," Zuckerman said. "In some cases that's certainly true, but it's not true everywhere - we're

trying to make it as affordable as possible."

CSAs, like Zuckerman's, are popping up all over agricultural areas, helping communities to create a mutually beneficial connection between consumers and farmers not only in terms of diets, but also economic interests.

The Natural Farmer, the Northeast Organic Farming Association's (NOFA) newspaper, even found that it cost only \$10 more each month for a solely organic diet.

## Localvore at UVM

More than simply a fad, the locavore principles are fast becoming a firmly established set of practices.

However, even in a relatively small state, meeting the necessary amounts of food required to service institutions can pose a real problem.

"It's a challenge for local providers to produce the sheer volume of food necessary to service a large institution," Zuckerman said.

It might, in fact, be easier for large organizations to purchase the entire amount needed directly from a wholesale seller that only offers conventional food, than to take a more divide and conquer mentality.

Yet some Vermont institutions are doing their part

to integrate more local products into people's daily diets.

"The change in Brennan's Pub & Bistro and the increase of healthier and locally grown and made food was really the doing of students' efforts and protests," Tamara Plummer, an employee of Student Life at UVM's Localvore Dinner, said.

With food harvested and eaten at the height of its freshness, the local foods the University is serving are more nutritionally complete and mostly organic, resulting in pure, safer food, Ian Prieto, also from Student Life, said.

"Buying local helps the local economy and the environment," he said. "From farm to plate, food traditionally travels 1,300 miles, but buying local helps to

reduce our dependence on oil."

For such an eco-conscious University, the increasing emphasis on buying and consuming local products has positive reverberations throughout more than just the campus dining facilities.

Sodexo is even going so far to give 10 percent of every bottle of milk sold on the UVM campus back to the farmer, Plummer said.

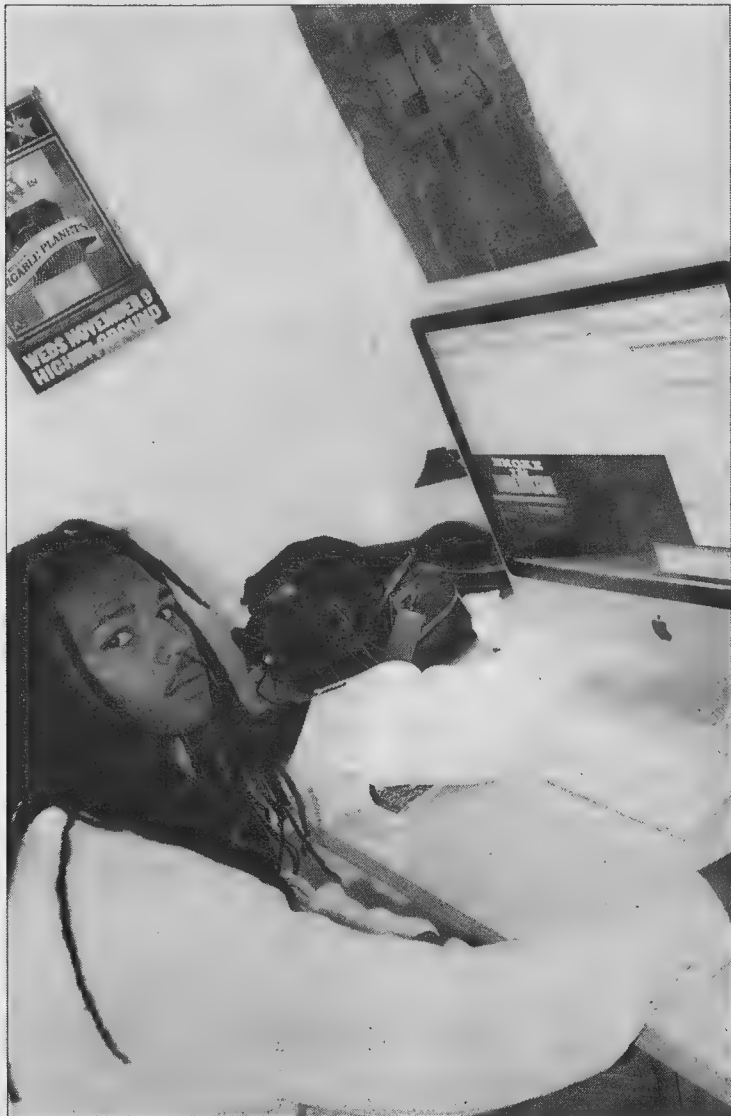
Davis Center supervisor Debra Coulam was pleased to see the increasing partnership between University dining and the students and the hope that provides for future generations of eaters.

Buying local food promotes a real sense of community, Coulam said. It keeps small local farmers in business and consumers putting quality foods into their bodies.

BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

A produce booth at Burlington's Saturday farmer's market sells fresh peppers, berries and watermelon.





ALMA TURAJLIC | The Vermont Cynic  
Johnathan Patterson of the new startup BrokeinBurlington.com



ALMA TURAJLIC | The Vermont Cynic

From left to right, Brian Kwasnieski, Leslie Merinoff and Johnathan Patterson came up with the idea of creating a website that advertises inexpensive deals in regards to the Burlington nightlife.



## Not so BrokeinBurlington.com

A new website helps residents find Burlington bargains

By Rachel Bowker  
Cynic Correspondent

At first glance, the city of Burlington may seem like a pricey retreat meant for tourists rather than a college town.

However, a few post-grad UVM students aim to prove that the city offers something for everyone through their new website [brokeinburlington.com](http://brokeinburlington.com), which launched August 27.

The site — which includes a public forum — shows people how Burlington can be an affordable place to grab a beer or free concert tickets.

Not unlike most young people,

Leslie Merinoff, Brian Kwasnieski, Johnathan Patterson and Scott Multack found themselves desperate for entertainment with an affordable price tag.

"We didn't have any money," Patterson said, laughing.

The founders, now "The Broke Team," originally began as some friends searching for sweet deals in Burlington with no intention of developing a website, Kwasnieski said.

"It started out as something for us, because we never knew what was going on downtown until we got there."

Brokeinburlington.com initially focused on drink specials. According to Merinoff, the Broke Team now hopes to use the website as a "comprehensive guide [showing people] how to enjoy Burlington on whatever budget."

Getting the website up and running has been a collective effort.

"We all have areas of expertise," Merinoff said.

Kwasnieski is responsible for web design, Merinoff handles the legal aspects, Patterson is the "mastermind" of language and Multack perfects the web-copy.

The website targets not only college students — but anyone looking for an excuse to get out

on the town, Merinoff said.

"People have no idea they can afford to go out and participate in Burlington's culture," she said. "You don't have to have any money and you can still go out and have fun."

As an example, she mentioned the gstatic celebration that took place the night of Sept. 9 where one could pay 99 cents for a beer.

Presently, the site is still in its formative stage.

"It's fleshing itself out," Kwasnieski said confidently.

Setting up the site's blog is crucial so people can start communicating, Patterson said. "If there's a cheap beer deal at a store, someone can post that and let people know."

"We just want to give everyone the hook-up," Merinoff said. The site caters to a wide variety of interests such as those of an artist that needs publicity, a clothing store having a sale or college students just looking for fun nightlife, she said.

"Hopefully we can add value to Burlington's economy while adding value to people's experiences somehow," she said with a smile.

In the words of a true expert, "Burlington's so fucking great, it's a great town..."

haiku  
by a /bored visitor

surfing the /bored site,  
looking for something to do...  
i wasn't let down.

fan: [uvm.edu/bored](http://uvm.edu/bored) follow: [uvm\\_bored](https://twitter.com/uvm_bored) email: [bored@uvm.edu](mailto:bored@uvm.edu)

**UVM.EDU/BORED**  
stuff to do, on & off campus

salon  
**obriens**



HAIRCUTS COLOR WAXING  
FACIALS MANICURES PEDICURES

University Mall S Burlington 863-2273  
247 Main Street Burlington 658-6565  
Essex Junction Shopping Ctr 878-4554

GET A LIFE

Know more than  
your friends about  
what's going on

WRITE FOR  
THE VERMONT  
CYNIC

[Hayley.Johnson@uvm.edu](mailto:Hayley.Johnson@uvm.edu)



# Say hello to the pizza paradise

## A delicious new slice makes its way into Williston

By Jess Sanders  
Staff Writer

An intoxicating aroma sails out of the four industrial-size ovens and wafts through the doors, calling every innocent bystander inside.

Inside, one sees the walls are lined with sports paraphernalia and local high school sports team photos.

Ramunto's Brick Oven Pizza, located in Williston, offers much more than your average slice of pizza.

The store is located outside of Burlington, but Ramunto's is delivering to UVM campus and offers a "Groovy UV" special seven days a week.

The meal includes two slices of their hand-tossed pizza loaded with cheese and a fountain soda for \$3.49, which is much less money than a meal of equal proportion at the Davis Center.

Though they do extend their delivery service to campus, take the time to go to the restaurant. Their homey environment and welcoming service makes you feel immediately at ease.

The counter help is quick and offers friendly conversation, and all the slices are laid out for the customer to see, tempting hungry onlookers to choose a slice from every pie.

After placing an order, the food is then brought directly to your table.

Also available in house is a variety of beer from Budweiser to Long Trail Ale, with prices ranging from \$2.50-\$3.00.

While Ramunto's service and beer selection is top notch, everyone should go simply to grab a slice. Each bite has the



MARTINE WONG | The Vermont Cynic

Ray Bostock from Woodstock finishes a pepperoni pizza at Ramunto's in Williston.

homemade taste everyone longs for during the school year.

One such bite could come from the Sicilian cheese pizza – a step up from their average slice.

The crust is baked to a medium crisp, allowing your teeth to sink in, making for a smooth bite. However, it still has a delicate crunch. It doesn't feel too heavy underneath the thin layer of tomato sauce, and the fresh mozzarella that sits atop the slice does not require blotting away unwanted grease.

Their tomato basil pizza could be considered the gourmet version of a cheese slice. The light flavors of grated Parmesan and strips of fresh basil are fused with

roasted tomato slices to make for a more robust pizza experience.

The sauce and cheese are not laid on an average crust, but their garlic knot crust – painted with garlic sauce – adds zing to the slice.

Though their pizza is one of a kind, their menu also includes hot subs which range from Beau's Steak Bomb to Chicken, Meatball and Sausage Parmesan.

For those who visit the gym regularly and like to stay on the healthy side of things, there are many salads to choose from, all of which offer just as full a flavor for a reasonable price (small \$3.99; large \$6.50).

People who would rather opt

for the timeless pizza-joint staple – a calzone – will not be let down. These are created with their hand-tossed dough and filled with fresh ingredients.

There are also options for vegetarians, such as the Veggie Lovers, which is packed with a multitude of ingredients. All calzones are available in half size as well as full [\$7.95/\$15.95].

Ramunto's opened in June of this year, but has already baked their way into my heart. Every bite and slice allows for a different flavor experience – all of which should be experienced and enjoyed by anyone who has the chance to indulge.

### THE UNDERGRAD GOURMET



MICHAEL MALEK

## 1-2-3 Crepes

Without fail, two items appear in dorms everywhere – Ramen and Easy Mac.

Food snobbery aside, it's a shame that many college students live their lives in culinary squalor. The worst part is that good cooking is simple and easy.

I'm sure many of you have had the pleasure of enjoying crepes.

For those of you that haven't, it is a very thin French "pancake" that can be either sweet or savory.

To many people, French cuisine is very daunting – boeuf bourguignon isn't the easiest dish for an amateur to prepare.

But there is hope – crepes are not only delicious and fun, but they are easier to make than they seem.

The trick to making the perfect crepe is as easy as 1-2-3. One cup flour, two cups milk and three eggs will make enough batter for 8-12 unsweetened crepes.

First gather your ingredients and equipment:

- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 frying pan
- 1 whisk or fork
- 1 spatula
- 1 large bowl
- vegetable oil
- 1 pinch of salt
- Filling (nutella, jam, eggs, cheese or cooked veggies)
- 1/4 cup sugar (only for sweet crepes)

Mix the dry ingredients – flour, salt and sugar – in the bowl.

Add the eggs and milk, then whisk fervently until the batter is completely uniform in texture. It should be more runny than pancake batter.

Meanwhile, have the frying pan on the stove at high heat.

Once the batter is thoroughly mixed, put a tablespoon of oil in the pan to prevent sticking.

Pour a thin layer of batter onto the pan and evenly distribute it by lifting the pan off the stove and tilting the pan as if you were rolling a marble around the rim.

If the pan is hot enough, the first side of the crepe should be cooked in less than a minute, but use your spatula to examine the underbelly of the crepe for a pale tan color with freckles to a deep golden brown.

Go around the edge of the crepe with the spatula and gently un-stick it.

Lift the pan off the stove. Make sure you have plenty of room, a high ceiling and depth perception – then, with a firm forward flick of the wrists, flip the crepe into the air and catch it in the pan uncooked side down.

The other side should cook much faster, and the crepe should be ready 30-40 seconds after being flipped.

When done, gently slide the crepe onto a plate – fill, roll and enjoy. As easy as 1-2-3.

# Students celebrate no more hazing

## UVM Greek community commemorates National Gordie Day

By Megan Brancaccio  
Staff Writer

Five years ago, a male student named Gordie Bailey died as a result of the overconsumption of alcohol at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He was 18 years old and was a victim of hazing.

In conjunction with National Hazing Prevention Week, Director of Greek Life Kim Monteaux said that the UVM Greek life community will also participate in the second Annual National Gordie Day, a celebration of remembrance for Bailey, and all who have died due to hazing.

"His story is something [students] remember well [because] he could have easily been a UVM student," she said.

UVM is one of 118 schools registered for the event that is to take place this Thursday, Brooks Powell, Educational Program

Coordinator for the Gordie Foundation, said.

The Greek community will be giving away not only information but also "freebies" that will encourage students to spread the word about hazing prevention, Monteaux said.

"Greek life at UVM does not condone hazing and we want to do as much as we can to raise awareness about it," Lisa Faison, Greek Student Staff Program Coordinator, said.

Powell said he was thrilled that UVM was participating in Gordie Day this year.

"We know that the efforts that are going to go on at UVM will make a huge impact in protecting students against alcohol poisoning," he said.

Although there is a zero tolerance policy for hazing at

UVM, it does not mean that it is non-existent. Monteaux said that, at times, students may not realize when they are the victims of hazing.

She also said that education is the most important factor in hazing prevention.

"All of us as educators and students have to have the same message and understanding of what hazing is," she said.

HazingStudy.org defines hazing as "...any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers them regardless of a person's willingness to participate."

The last death at UVM that resulted from the

overconsumption of alcohol was in 1992 and is recorded in the archives of Hank Nuwer's book, "Wrongs of Passage," which Monteaux keeps in her office.

"It's been a while...but we want to keep it that way," she said.

Although the Gordie Foundation is working with universities to prevent alcohol-related accidents among students, its team of directors is not preaching abstinence, Powell said. "It's an impractical position...there are ways to drink responsibly."

-1.5 million students report having been subjected to some type of hazing activity each year  
-82 percent of deaths from hazing involved alcohol  
-5,000 students under 21 die in alcohol-related incidents  
-Over 1,700 students die annually from unintentional alcohol-related incidents  
-97,000 students were victims of alcohol-related rape or sexual assaults  
-696,000 students were assaulted by a student who has been binge drinking



9.22-9.28

wed

VISITING ARTIST TALK  
CORIN HEWITT  
6 p.m.  
301 Williams Hall

BURLINGTON BANDS  
101: IN MEMORY OF  
PLUTO, LENDWAY,  
BEARQUARIUM  
9 p.m.  
Nectar's and Club  
Metronome

thur

UVM JAZZ SESSIONS  
6 p.m.  
Radio Bean

GREAT LAKE  
SWIMMERS  
7:30 p.m.  
Higher Ground  
Showcase Lounge

fri

MARTA GOMEZ  
(CARIBBEAN FOLK)  
UVM LANE SERIES  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Southwick Recital Hall

"ONE MAN TALKING"  
GREEN CANDLES  
THEATRE  
PRODUCTIONS  
8 p.m.  
Outer Space Cafe



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Sarah Kinsella Waite displays her pen and ink drawings at Frog Hollow Craft Center. Much of her art depicts her affinity for nature.

## Secluded illustrations

Artist creates nature-infused drawings

By John Nagy  
Cynic Correspondent

Sarah Kinsella Waite's exhibit at Burlington's Frog Hollow Craft Center is a compilation of striking pen and ink illustrations.

Her rustic montages contain factually relevant depictions of nature and creatures.

These productions are

"A lot of people  
don't know what I  
do, but I kind of  
like that..."

Sarah Kinsella Waite  
Pen and ink artist

unique impressions of Sarah's immersive lifestyle and intimate observations from her rural residence in Burke Hollow.

Inspired by her experiences in the northwestern and western United States, the drawings highlight her passion for the environment and nature cycles.

Waite has been an artist since childhood. "I did a lot of drawings of horses. We had a lot of horses growing up, and so...a lot of horses," Waite said. Always connected with her surroundings, Waite gathers from her environmentalist convictions when crafting illustrations.

Currently residing in rural Burke Hollow, Waite allows herself complete saturation with nature. Living in a place, which Waite refers to as "the opposite of Burlington," makes for intense closeness to animals.

"A lot of people don't know

what I do, but I kind of like that," Waite said. Because of the isolation, Waite is provided with an intimate view of Vermont's fauna and vegetation.

Waite's deviating lifestyle broke up her educational experience.

She lived in Utah briefly, then went to school in Alaska and finally moved to Vermont, where she eventually received her degree from Castleton State College.

Waite's pen-and-ink illustrations are a product of her previous work. At first, Waite made her living as a draftsman. The pen and ink drawings began as a side project; she did them for fun rather than for food.

Eventually, she developed her doodles into a hobby and a couple years of passionate work led her to create these montages.

With a strong pursuit in respecting the environment, Waite not only displays these representations in attractive art forms, but she also extensively researches them.

Included in the montages are the "prey and their food supply and all the vegetation they'd be associated within the natural habitat," Waite said. The bold, colorless illustrations are due to the desire for "simplicity, clean lines."

Having spent many years working at various Kinko's, Waite was exposed to black and white frequently, which would later influence her desire for a lack of color.

The combination of her diverse background and interests translates to powerful etchings.



DAMIR ALISA | The Vermont Cynic

Ingrid Michaelson performs latest album at Higher Ground.

## Ingrid combines old and new

By Julia L. Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Seeing Ingrid Michaelson sing in a small venue is sort of like watching a cool friend's gig — that is, if the friend had a killer voice and a recent CD release reaching number one on iTunes.

On Sept. 11, Ingrid Michaelson turned a sold-out show at the Higher Ground Showcase Lounge into a cozy evening with friends. She interacted with audience members often, posed for photos on stage and chatted with a four-year-old in the audience.

Michaelson mostly sang songs from her most recent release, "Everybody," and accompanied herself on piano and ukulele.

She excused herself in advance once or twice for messing up some of the newer songs, only to go on to play and sing them perfectly, sometimes sounding better than the recorded versions.

She also lightheartedly sung parts of '90s classics — "No Scrubs," "Ice, Ice Baby" and the The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air theme song — in between her songs.

UVM junior Annemarie Gallo called Michaelson "hilarious."

UVM junior Lizz Gebbie said she didn't regret spending her 21st birthday at the concert instead of going out.

Michaelson's opening act, Greg Holden, exuded British charm and didn't feel like filler, as opening acts sometimes can.

Waiting for Michaelson to come on didn't feel like buying time, although Holden's multiple comments about being excited for the audience to see Michaelson sing for the first time kept the anticipation high.

Holden had nothing but praise for Michaelson. "She's very nice," Holden said. "She's all about the music."

Both Michaelson and Holden asked for audience interaction during their sets. The crowd received them enthusiastically, especially after some creative, metaphoric encouragement from Michaelson.

After the last song, Michaelson came back out for an encore. It consisted of three more songs, including a quirky song about Mexican food to the tune of the single from her new album, "Maybe," ending the concert on a light note.

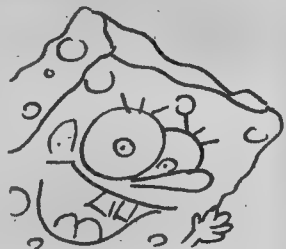


# SOAP ON A ROPE'S GREAT ESCAPE



By Ashley Frisoli

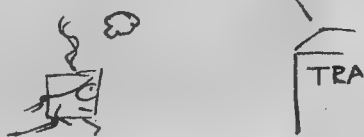
Oh Soap buddy...



No, no. NO!



If only I can make it to that trash can...



Bailed myself out of that one...



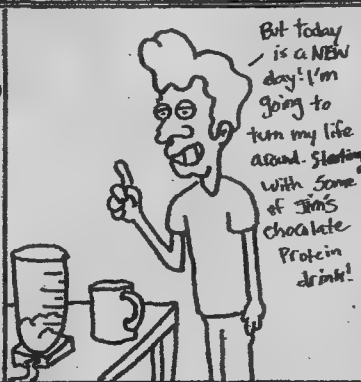
It's probably not that he doesn't like you. I'm sure it's just that he finds you really annoying.



3/25

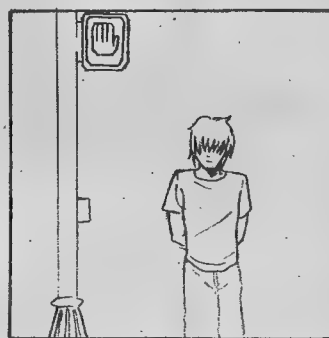
# NO GOOD REASON

by R. Valent



The Adventures of Joel & Chris

by Andrew Becker



author of the #1 New York Times bestseller  
DRESS YOUR FAMILY IN CORDUROY AND DENIM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 7:30 PM

AN EVENING WITH

**DAVID  
SEDARIS**

BURLINGTON, VT

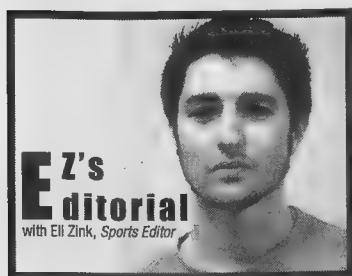
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

TICKETS:

FLYNN TIX BOX OFFICE

FLYNN TIX.ORG, 802-86-FLYNN





## Men's soccer slow start draws similarities to 2007

There are plenty of holes in the University of Vermont's men's soccer team.

They struggle with keeping possession of the ball in their own zone. Their defensive line is more manic than Robin Williams. Sometimes they look impenetrable and other times they look like they're holding the door open for you.

And then there are the rookies, though immensely talented, they do what rookies do best — make silly mistakes.

In 2007, similar things could be said about the team, which started out 3-8 and endured two separate four-game losing streaks.

That team was also relatively young and had a serious problem with playing as a unit.

Two years ago, the team had all the elements needed for success; a super-skilled goalie in Roger Scully, a cheetah-fast striker in Lee Stephane Kouadio and a defensive line that featured two of the best conference defenders in years in Conor Tobin and former captain Jake McFadden.

Parallels continue with this year's team.

Vermont boasts veteran players such as standout goalie Tom Critz, who is capable of highlight-reel saves. They have Kyle Leutkehans, who never seems to make a bad decision; TJ Gore, who knows how to make defenders look foolish and is the glue for the midfield and Drew Smalley, a two-year starter on defense who was a padawan of McFadden and Tobin.

Not to mention a surplus of young talent and the transfer of junior Juan Peralta, who brings the flashy skills of Latin America with him to Centennial Field.

So much talent begs the question — why can't this team get it together?

It's not like they are getting blown-out by anyone, but a big problem is that they play up and down to their opponents skill level.

This is very similar to the 2007 squad, which both top notched squads and a few not-so-notable teams, and had very close games with each.

For example, it took an overtime goal for UMass to beat UVM that year. They ended finishing the season ranked fourth nationally.

This season, the Cats tied both Portland and UMass this year, two highly skilled teams, yet lost to Siena who, talent-wise, can't match up with Vermont at all.

After struggling in non-conference play, the 2007 team was able to find some unity and actually began pulling it together.

This year's team has yet to turn the corner, but it's logical to think they will. The 2007 team did, and I think this team will.

By the way, two years ago, the 2007 team ended up being America East champions. 'Anything is possible.'



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

UVM Men's Cross Country gathers before a meet on Sept. 12. Six Vermont runners placed in the top 25, with Doug Maisey in second.

## UVM places well at Pre-AEast meet

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country ran to a second place finish at the Pre-America East meet on Sept. 13, showing potential for things to come in conference meets.

UVM hosted the meet, mainly because they will be hosting the America East Championship at the end of October. The meet gave other teams a chance to gain experience and get a feel for the course before the championships.

The teams and head coach Matt Belfield are thrilled with the opportunity to host the championship, which UVM hasn't hosted in over a decade.

"We are excited about hosting this year," head coach Matt Belfield said, "it's our first time since 1999."

The women's team had a solid showing, having three runners place in the top ten at the race, with sophomore Morgan Powers finishing third overall.

The championship meet is over a month away and so the Cats will look to continue to remain sharp and ready to perform.

On the men's side, senior Doug Maisey placed second overall, coming into this season in good shape. His eyes are focused on an individual conference championship after being the first Catamount since 2001 to earn a top ten finish in the American East Championship last

year.

His second place finish made his goal of an individual championship seem very realistic.

Belfield mention the progress of the younger classmen, saying that there are a lot of freshmen making an impact on the men's side. He attributed their early success to the runners having made the transition from high school competition to collegiate competition seamlessly.

But like any dedicated team in a competitive sport, the cross-country teams are looking to improve. Belfield thinks there are runners in the wings ready to step into the spotlight and make an impact.

"There are a bunch of guys in the mix to step up into bigger roles on

the men's side," Belfield said. "We would like to keep the pack tighter and run with strength in numbers."

But overall, Belfield was happy with his team's performance and start to the season, being both surprised and impressed by some solid performances from freshman Debbie Isen and sophomore Andrew Donaghy.

"We are looking to compete well as a team," Belfield said, "but it's early and we are putting our emphasis on training and teamwork."

The cross-country teams will look to maintain the momentum gained at the Pre-America East Meet when they enter the Paul Short Invitational on Friday, Oct. 2nd, hosted by Bucknell.



LANCE JOHNSON | The Vermont Cynic

Senior and goalie Tom Critz punts the ball during last Friday's game. Critz's standout play is crucial for the Cat's turnaround.

## Sports Shorts by Erik Worden

### UVM Men's Soccer ties UMass

Throughout the game and two overtimes, the UVM Catamounts and UMass Minutemen struggled for an edge in a contest where only two goals were scored. Even though there was no winner after over 100 minutes of play, the Cats continued to go — technically — undefeated throughout the 19th annual Smith Barney Nike Classic, with a record of 0-0-2 in the tournament, 0-3-2 overall.

The single goal was scored on a miraculous run down field by senior Marty Glavin, who crossed the ball over UMass Defenders for a quick shot by D.J. Elder, who slipped it past the keeper.

### Cross country having a good run

Last week, the Catamounts got off to a strong start after hosting the America East Pre-Championship race in Williston, Vt. Sophomore Morgan Powers placed third, followed by Debbie Isen and Aly Millett, placing fifth and eighth, respectively, for the women.

On the men's side, Doug Maisey led the Cats, finishing second, tailed by Andy Donaghy, Andy Stillman, Eric Hill, and Shane Snyder, all of whom placed in the top 20. Both teams ended the day second overall.

### Swim team names 09-10 captains

Seniors Colleen Clark, Molly MacMillan and Amanda Murphy were chosen to represent the swim and dive team this year as the 2009-2010 captains on Wednesday.

"Each one of these ladies are strong leaders by themselves and together they help to continue to bring this team to another level," head coach Gerry Cournoyer said.

The team opens this year's season on Oct. 9, traveling to West Point to face Boston College and Stony Brook. The team is predicted to do well, with multiple champions and podium swimmers returning from last season, despite a diving board with too little sand in the paint.

### Women's Soccer's stellar stopper

To date, Eliza Bradley has made 386 stops for the Catamounts, moving her into the number two spot for most all-time saves for UVM.

Despite ten saves against Villanova, the Cats fell to 0-4-1 overall last week, in a final score of 2-1 in double overtime against the Wildcats and a 3-1 loss against LaSalle. However, Bradley and the rest of the Catamounts remain optimistic, with upcoming games against Colgate and UAlbany.





DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

Junior defender Heidi Hassler lines up a shot on goal in a matchup against URI Sept. 18. The Cats returned home after playing four straight games on the road. Junior Gabby Bongfigli scored UVM's only goal of the game as the team fell short of their first win.

## Lady Cats finally return home, fall to RI

By John Butler  
Cynic Correspondent

The game went straight to the end as the women's soccer team lost a close one, 2-1, to the Rhode Island Rams last Thursday.

After having four tough losses on the road in September, UVM came back home for the first time since August 30.

"It's nice to be back. We've been on turf for a while so we have to get used to being on grass again," senior goalkeeper Eliza Bradley said. "It's always good to have the home fans with us."

Even though they had been playing on turf for a while, they seemed right at home despite the Rams scoring first.

Rhode Island's goal came in the 23rd minute after the Rams' Kaylen Shimoda broke away on

the left side flicking the ball into the top half of the goal above Bradley's arms.

That goal was the only one that snuck past Bradley in the first half as she made many impressive saves.

However, the UVM offense was also silenced until 81 minutes into the game. A pass from freshman Megan Rozumalski put the ball in range enabling charging junior Gabby Bongfigli to slip the ball past the goalkeeper just before colliding with her.

"We've been working those runs for the past two weeks and it was finally a positive result," Bongfigli said. "I just ran to it and was in the right place at the right time."

The tie score did not last long though, as the Rams sealed the game with a goal by Kristie Moltz

in the 82nd minute.

Despite the loss, head coach Kwame Lloyd was impressed with the effort by his team.

**"I thought our character really showed in this game."**

Kwame Lloyd  
Women's Soccer Head Coach

"I thought our character really showed in this game," Lloyd said. "We didn't come out as well as we wanted to, but we persevered and got back into the game and tied it in the second half."

Lloyd was especially pleased with the performance of the younger players on the team. After a slow first half, he chose to

start the second half with some new faces.

"Our young players were out there for a lot of the game and they did well," Lloyd said. "So I think our future is bright."

Not only did the younger players perform well but Bradley showed why she is approaching multiple individual records in the net. She did not seem to be affected by the pressure of milestones and was focused only on the potential of the team.

"Individual records are awesome but I think the team's success is the best thing I can ask for," Bradley said. "Every day I'm just trying to do everything I can to help us win."

Bongfigli said that keeping momentum after they score will help the team pull out more victories.

## UNH wins Sheraton Classic, UVM makes progress in tourney

Catamounts capture their first win during the tournament

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

The UVM Field Hockey team wrapped up the Sheraton Catamount Classic on Sunday. The weekend included their first win of the 2009 season on Sunday against UC Davis after losing to Penn 1-0 on Saturday. New Hampshire was named the winner of the tournament with a 2-0 record.

"It was really exciting, we worked so hard this past season and even in the offseason, so to finally connect was awesome," senior captain Megan Maynard said. "We've been working on our passing and the connections every single game and we just keep moving forward."

"It was a really productive weekend," Vermont head coach Nicki Houghton said. "They can feel good about the win because they accomplished the goals that

were set up prior to the game."

Saturday's game against UPenn was a strong showing for the Catamounts even though they ended up with a 1-0 loss. Penn's Abigail Egan scored the only goal of the game 13:36 into the second half to give her team the victory.

Sunday was a different story as Vermont was able to make the necessary adjustments to turn their progress into a win.

"They really needed to finish," Houghton said. "Ultimately, they wanted to finish by putting the ball in the back of the net."

Maynard started the offense 23:46 into the game when she scored an unassisted goal off of UC Davis goalie Lauren Sawville.

Senior Chelsea Stevenson scored the first goal of her college career, assisted by freshman Taylor Silvestro to put the Cats up 2-0.

Maynard scored again

just minutes later, assisted by Stevenson to cement the win.

Senior goalie Kristen Heavens had five saves in the game and eared her ninth career shutout.

"She's been a nice foundation in the backfield, really working hard to direct her young defenders in front of her," Houghton said on Heavens's performance. "I know she felt a lot of pride and she can take a lot of confidence from it."

This was Vermont's fourth time hosting the Sheraton Catamount Classic. The Catamounts have won the tournament twice.

Next up for the team is a road trip to Ohio State and Central Michigan. Coming off a win, they are confident in their ability to be strong in the games to come.

"I think that win helps us feel more confident than where we were, even though in the 1-0 loss we still played 55 minutes of great hockey," Maynard said.

9.22- 9.28

—fri

WOMEN'S  
SOCCER @  
COLGATE  
7 p.m.  
Hamilton, N.Y.

—sat

MEN'S  
SOCCER @  
QUINNIPIAC  
1:00 p.m.  
Hamden,  
Conn.

FIELD  
HOCKEY VS.  
MASS.  
2:00 p.m.  
Burlington  
Moulton  
Winder Field

—sun

WOMEN'S  
SOCCER VS.  
ALBANY  
2 p.m.  
Burlington  
Centennial  
Field



**ARTS**

Artists' collaborative S.P.A.C.E. provides a creative outlet.

6

**LIFE**

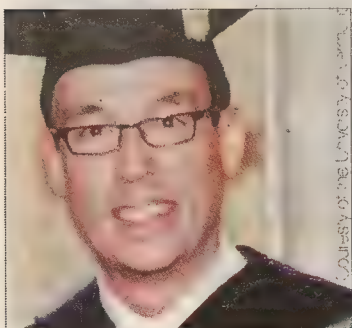
Babysitting mingler hosts mixer to introduce parents and to potential babysitters.

9

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, September 29, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 5 | Burlington Vermont

**SPORTS**  
Cynic sports staff battle it out over this week's national sports headlines (video at [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com))

GLEN ELDER

## Community remembers Glenn Elder

By Stephanie Cesario  
Cynic Correspondent

The University of Vermont community commemorated the life of Glen Elder, a prominent member of the UVM faculty who died last May at the age of 40.

Members of the community filled the Ira Allen Chapel on Saturday.

The South African-born Elder made his mark locally and globally as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, associate professor of geography and a prominent activist in many social justice and educational organizations.

He was especially involved in same-sex marriage rights and the economic geography of HIV/AIDS in South Africa, leading research in both areas.

Glen's role as an academic activist, his warmth of spirit, and excellent sense of humor, had a profound effect on those he met — no matter how briefly," Carla Tsampiras of Rhodes University said on behalf of the Women's Academic Solidarity Association (WASA).

"Glen was kind and cheerful, with a rapier wit that cut through thickets of irony as if they were cobwebs. After talking to Glen I always felt a little sharper, as if he had given me a peppermint Altoid for my brain," Michael Sheridan, assistant professor of anthropology at Middlebury College, said.

"He challenged me, pushed my buttons," one of Elder's former students Rae Rosenberg said. "He was a man that inspired so many minds and touched so many hearts. He was the person I wanted be."

Though Elder died while working toward a promotion to be a full professor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Eleanor Miller awarded him this promotion post-humously.

The Glen Elder Memorial Fund has been created to continue a legacy of commitment to social justice, sexuality, geography and South Africa.

on the  
**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**  
campus  
*the influence of*  
**the SGA**

**from** classrooms + dining facilities  
*to* residence halls + bathrooms  
*{ student government is usually somehow involved }*

Although the Student Government Association  
*is a driving force*

*in the UVM community*  
students are often

**unclear**

**(about how it functions) & (what its purpose is)**

for answers & additional video, visit [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

## UVM revises Federal Work Study Program

**A-133 audit uncovers discrepancies in Federal Work Study Program**By Claire Eaton  
Asst. News Editor

In a federal audit of fiscal year 2008 at UVM, a discrepancy was found between the figures listed in a University report and the data within the financial aid student system.

Future discrepancies could result in partial or complete loss of UVM's work-study funding.

The report was the Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP), where organizations must report on, among other items, the Federal Work Study program.

In order to address the inconsistencies found in the audit, called Circular No. A-133, Director of Student Financial Services Marie Johnson said that the Federal Work Study Program at UVM has been revised.

"We worked quickly to identify the discrepancies and to put in place system changes and regular reports to catch problems early and to resolve them before completing subsequent FISAPs," she said.

According to the federal website for the audit, the purpose of the audit is to both determine if the auditee is compliant with laws and regulations and if they are preparing financial statements in accordance with government policy.

The audit was one point of conversation at the Sept. 21 Board of Trustees Audit Committee meeting.

The Board discussed the importance of instating sanctions and policies and the appropriate repercussions for policy violations.

## NASA awards grants to UVM researchers

By Eric Hoke  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM researchers were awarded \$1.5 million in NASA grants this year, distributed through the Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, (EPSCoR).

NASA received 50 proposals this year for EPSCoR funding. Of those 50, 27 were chosen for funding, two of which were for research projects here at UVM.

One \$750,000 grant will fund research on a propulsion system for very small satellites and the other grant will support research into the effects of microgravity

environments on bacteria.

"Winning these grants is an indication of the high quality of science being done at UVM," Vermont Director of EPSCoR at UVM Judith Van Houten said. "Being small doesn't mean you don't have excellent researchers."

EPSCoR is a congressionally mandated program that enables smaller and more rural states like Vermont to build their science infrastructure.

In the past, relatively few states — including California, Massachusetts and Illinois — received the bulk of federal research funding. EPSCoR was

created in 1979 to set aside money to give smaller states a chance to compete for federal research dollars.

"EPSCoR is needed to balance inherent biases that exist in competitive funding," Darren Hitt, the recipient of one of the EPSCoR grants, said.

UVM has a successful track record in winning EPSCoR grants — winning one in 2007, one in 2008 and two this year.

"We've done quite well. It's quite unusual to get these every year. It's particularly unusual to

see **GRANTS** on page 2see **WORKSTUDY** on page 2



# Jeffords Hall part of environmentally friendly future

By Patrick Dowd  
Cynic Correspondent

If you've looked next to the Davis Center recently, you most likely noticed Jeffords Hall, the \$55.7 million building that will be finished this spring, and the future home to the departments of Plant Biology and Plant and Soil Sciences.

"The part I'm most excited about is the landscape around the building," Professor and Chair of Plant and Soil Sciences Department Deborah Neher said.

"It will be an outdoor laboratory. The entire west side will be edible, with vegetables, fruit trees and shrubs ... [and] the northeast corner will be an arboretum with over 100 species of woody ornamental plants," Neher said. "Faculty and students housed in the building will be involved in planting, maintaining and harvesting the landscape."

Jeffords Hall is named after Vermont senator James M. Jeffords who spent 32 years in Congress as a leading advocate of environmental protection.

Construction on the building began in July 2008 and is scheduled to be completed in March of next year.

In accordance with UVM's Environmental Design in New and Renovated Buildings policy, effective January 2008, Jeffords Hall has been designed to meet LEED silver level criteria.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), is the nationally accepted environmental ranking benchmark developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, a third party certification organization.

Silver status requires 33-38 points from a 69-point checklist of sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy & atmosphere, materials & resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation & design process.

"All the new construction and major renovation projects that we've been doing have been more environmentally focused," UVM's Green Building Coordinator Michelle Smith said.

Of the five major projects completed since 2006, two

received LEED silver and three, University Heights (2006), the Davis Center (2008) and the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences (2008) have received LEED gold certification.

As green buildings continue to become a university trend, UVM is ahead of the game in terms of "picking the low-hanging fruit," Smith said.

"We're working on projects that have a five to ten year payback instead of just a one to three year payback," Smith said.

Green buildings generally have a higher capital cost, but if you plan and it's part of the way you do business, it doesn't have to be more expensive, she said.

**"All ... projects that we've been doing have been more environmentally focused."**

**Michelle Smith**  
UVM's Green Building Coordinator

"Over the past seven years, we have borrowed dollars, long-term bonds [to pay for construction]," Director of Capital Planning and Management Robert Vaughan said. "We can't keep that up."

Two years ago, the UVM administration implemented a policy that required all future building projects to have "an external fund component of at least 25 percent [of the capital cost]," before construction can begin, Vaughan said.

This 25 percent can be grant money, federal money, donor dollars or any other kind of non-borrowed money.

Total borrowed money can't exceed the University's self-imposed debt capacity level of 6 percent of the year's approved budget, Vaughan said. This year's projected budget is \$579 million.

A list of 22 priority-ranked future construction and renovation projects called The Strategic Capital Plan 4.0 is the administration's newest solution to figuring out where to focus the University's efforts.

Currently ranked number one is the Greening of Aiken — a \$13 million major renovation to the School of Natural Resources' building that has already been approved by two committees within the Board of Trustees.

The Greening of Aiken project is in the design development stage with an architect, and will be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting on October 23 to hopefully get approval to begin construction next summer, according to Vaughan.

While a \$93.9 million "multipurpose events center" ranked at 18 or a \$15 million Davis Center theater addition ranked eight, are on the list, they may be a ways down the road.

All the projects listed on the Strategic Capital Plan 4.0 address a need of the university, but most are not currently feasible to even consider, Vaughan said.

# SGA constitution sees revision

By Sydney Schachter  
Cynic Correspondent

Over the summer, a group of Student Government Association (SGA) senators and Constitution Committee members worked together to amend the SGA Constitution.

The three-month process produced a constitution that the members of the SGA hope will be more clear for the UVM community.

Senate Speaker Ana Dru Ellis said that one of the goals of the new constitution was to more plainly state the SGA members' responsibilities and clarify what they are held accountable for.

Both Ellis and President Bryce Jones found the new process to be more effective because of the opportunity to start the year with a clear definition of what the SGA is held accountable for.

"Everyone now knows the rules," Ellis said.

This year's approach to amending the constitution differed from years past. According to Ellis, the process had previously been both condensed into one meeting and spread out over an entire year. Ellis said a lot more time was put into researching other constitutions prior to amending to determine exactly what they wanted UVM's new SGA constitution to look like.

By making the rules clear, both SGA staff and students know exactly how the SGA works and the processes involved in the organization.

"It makes it easier for students to know what route to take when they need to be heard," Jones said.

The new constitution can be found on the SGA website.



CRAIG GUILD | The Vermont Cynic

Various members of the SGA voice questions and comments based on the comments of University President Daniel Mark Fogel and Provost Jane Knodell at last Tuesday's meeting. Also discussed at the meeting were the changes made to the SGA constitution.

## WORK STUDY | UVM audit uncovers discrepancies

...continued from page 1

"It is important to stipulate particular processes by which people need to adhere," Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate said.

One facet of the recent developments in the Federal Work Study is monitoring students' pay, to ensure they don't receive more than their individual allocation, Johnson said.

This involves giving all supervisors access to online reports to see how much students have for work-study, how much they earned so far and the remaining balance, she said.

The Work Study Program's main online database is PeopleSoft, where students and supervisors can view reports for each campus position.

Through PeopleSoft, the

supervisors can see students' information like hours logged, pay rates and weekly pay totals.

"My mantra for the last 25 years has been to have as few people touching cash as possible — and technology has made this easier," Cate said.

Changes have also been made in training for students and work-study supervisors to ensure that everyone understands how to use the "limited and important resource", Johnson said.

"The trainings were designed to resolve some misconceptions about the program and to put in place steps to ensure that no student begins work until they are authorized to do so," she said.

WRUV Station Manager and Student Work-Study Supervisor McCrae Hathaway said that orientations for work-study students involved in student

media were "pretty rigorous".

"[Evans] met with every work-study student that was going to be in the media department and mentioned to them that the audit happened, and explained how it's much more rigorous this year because we can't mess up at all.

"They kind have an eagle eye on us now, because of that audit," Hathaway said.

For the work-study program, Hathaway sends students' hours to Chris Evans, the Student Media Adviser and Associate Director of Student Life, who also oversees work-study for UVMtv and The Vermont Cynic.

With the structural changes Johnson said UVM is confident that the changes being made to the program will improve the program and the experience for students.

## GRANTS | Researchers awarded \$1.5 million

...continued from page 1

get two in one year," professor William Lakin said, project director for Vermont's NASA EPSCoR program.

"Receiving these grants is absolutely a function of our researchers," Lakin said. "They're world-class."

UVM professor Jane Hill is heading the team researching "micronauts," her name for bacteria in space.

They'll be looking at how microgravity environments alter the growth of pathogenic bacteria in the lungs, which will have implications for long-term space travel, such as a manned mission

to Mars, she said.

Her research team is a joint effort between UVM's medical school and the School of Engineering with one undergraduate and three graduate students.

This is Hill's first time working on a NASA project. "It's exciting," she said. "It's total bragging rights."

Darren Hitt first worked with NASA in 2000. He will be using this grant money to continue research into a propulsion system for nanosats which will be very small, inexpensive and mass-produced satellites with short mission lengths.

"You'll see them within the

next decade," Hitt said. He hopes UVM will have a prototype of the propulsion system within the next three years.

Though further developments are necessary before nanosats can be made a reality, Hitt said his team is working to ensure they will maintain stability in orbit.

That team includes two of Hitt's former undergraduate students who have stayed at UVM to assist on the project as graduate students.

Several UVM students have already earned graduate degrees and Ph.D.s after working with Hitt on this project.

"This is good for UVM students," Hitt said.

Mac Sales and Service  
APPLE CERTIFIED

laptop + desktop  
technician - repairs,  
upgrades etc.

Networks, wireless  
installation +  
support. Sales of pre-  
owned Apple  
laptops, desktops and  
much more.

Service of PC's as well.  
Baha Computer Works,  
200 Main street,  
Burlington.

bahacomputerworks.com  
-baha@madriver.com

802.279.8756,  
802.657.3933



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com

## Across

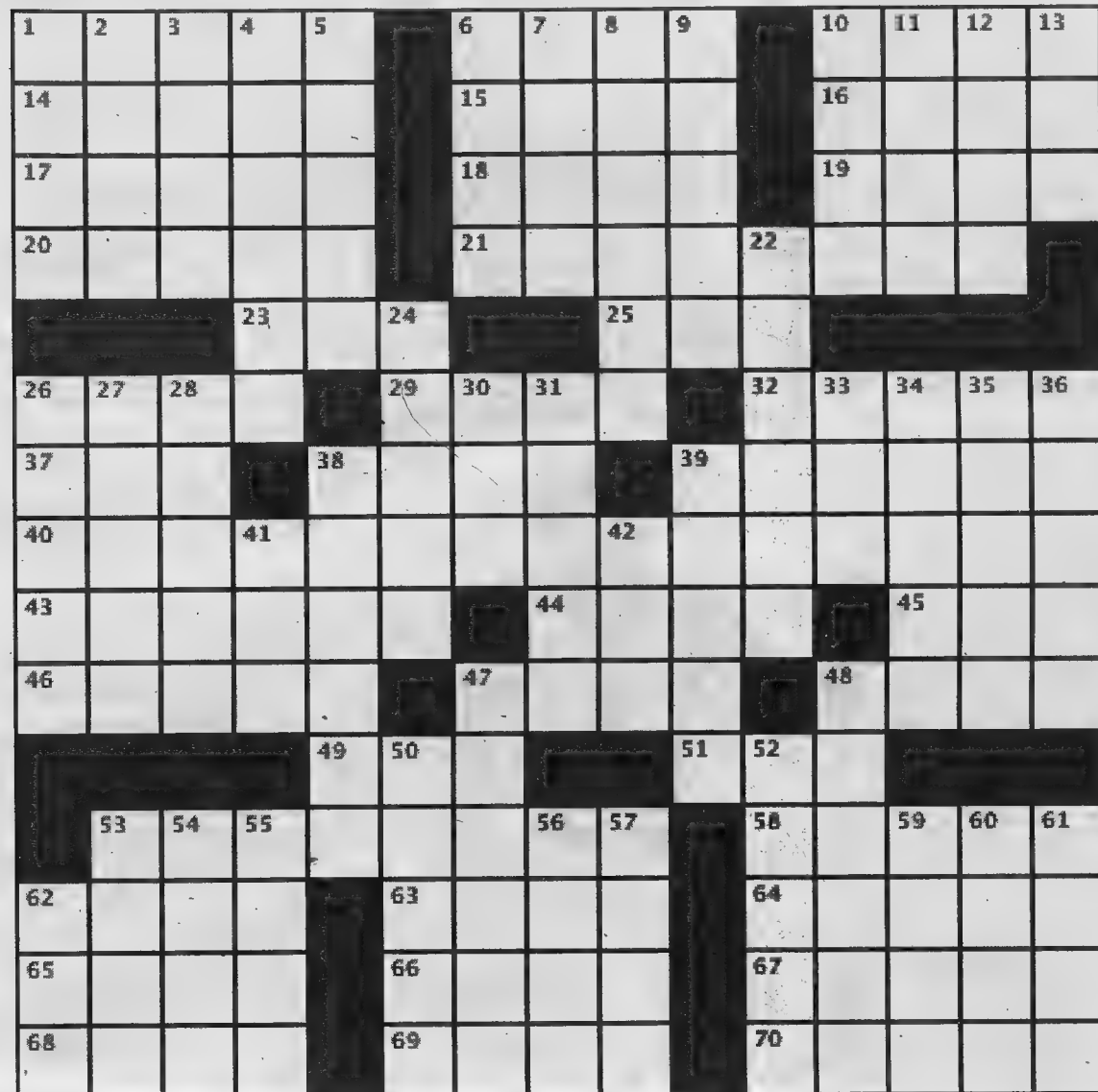
- 1- Bikini blast  
6- Not fem.  
10- Bound  
14- Slender freshwater fish

- 15- Organization to promote theater  
16- Clinton's birthplace  
17- Bizarre  
18- Cross inscription

- 19- Bartlett's abbr.  
20- Distinguishing characteristic  
21- Not a direct hit  
23- \_\_\_\_-relief

- 25- "\_\_\_\_ don't say!"  
26- Call at home  
29- Personal quirks  
32- Turkish palace  
37- Links org.  
38- Flaky mineral  
39- Using all one's resources  
40- High-speed separator  
43- Revise  
44- Barbershop request  
45- Total  
46- Pile  
47- Playthings  
48- "His and \_\_\_\_"  
49- Female sheep  
51- Compass pt.  
53- Police officer  
58- Bogie, e.g.  
62- Pit  
63- Equipment  
64- Glide along smoothly  
65- Londoner, e.g.  
66- Conductor Klemperer  
67- Yacht  
68- Contributes  
69- Capone's nemesis  
70- Approvals

- 7- Actress Heche  
8- Wanders away  
9- Capital of Egypt  
10- Baht spender  
11- Charged particles  
12- Epic narrative poem  
13- Bear lair  
22- Adherent of Islam  
24- Slender piece of wood  
26- Urges  
27- Shoelace tip  
28- Islamic decree  
30- Bump off  
31- Division of a long poem  
33- Mischievous person  
34- Awaken  
35- Prophet  
36- Units  
38- Striking  
39- Come up  
41- Fabled bird  
42- Attempt  
47- Cylindrical  
48- Harass  
50- Transport vehicle  
52- Fresh  
53- Enclose  
54- Children's author Blyton  
55- Devices for fishing  
56- Floor coverings  
57- Archer of myth  
59- New Mexico art colony  
60- Siouan speaker  
61- Workout count  
62- Exec's degree



## Down

- 1- Bunches  
2- Travel from place to place  
3- I could \_\_\_\_ horse!  
4- Writer  
5- Eighth letter of the Greek alphabet  
6- Common street name

Michael Crew, 2d Lt, USAF  
U.S. Air Force Pilot Candidate

Political Science Major



# UVM STUDENTS CAN JOIN!

Get paid & receive scholarship money  
Secure a career before graduation  
Become an Air Force Officer

Air Force ROTC Detachment 867 at Norwich University has opened the door for UVM students to join it's program. Students take only one Air Force ROTC class per week at Norwich University while completing their UVM degree.

ALL MAJORS may apply for scholarships

Express Scholarships are available for

Electric Engineering Majors  
Computer Engineering Majors  
Civil Engineering Majors  
Environmental Engineering Majors  
Nursing Majors  
Chinese Language Majors



Air Force ROTC cadets get exposure to over 180 officer career fields, allowing them to choose the job that best fits their personal goals and aspirations. Find out where your skills will take you...

802-485-2732

afrotc@norwich.edu

See if you qualify — Contact us!



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoli, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoli, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## Join The Cynic.

Stop by the office on the first floor of the Davis Center.

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Improving the SGA

After six months, SGA President Bryce Jones and the entire Student Government Association (SGA) have made notable changes.

Although there is still more to be done, SGA has taken the steps toward being a better and more communicative student organization.

Jones has shown leadership and has brought a transparency to the SGA that has not been seen in the student government offices in the recent past.

In endorsing Jones in the spring, *The Cynic* put its support behind his campaign promises of reaching out to students and making the SGA a place for students to engage in civil debate.

We believe he has succeeded in creating an on-campus atmosphere of social justice and accountability for all by reaching out directly to students.

In doing so, Jones made the SGA a place for us students to voice our concerns over the big issues facing our student body.

By becoming such an open forum for the community, Jones and the SGA have made huge strides in their own accountability.

Student awareness for student government bills and events has grown considerably through the tireless efforts of Public Relations Chair Katie Rifkin.

In the coming months, SGA representatives will continue to increase their visibility on campus, reaching out through leadership forums for campus leaders as well as appearances on UVMtv.

SGA's most impressive improvement is in the percentages of student voting.

Though more students can always get involved, the 2009-2010 SGA launched an accessible online vote-tracking system, throwing the doors of the student government open to the entire UVM community.

We would like to commend the SGA for leaving a history of closed-door sessions and ambiguous activities behind to become the student government we see today.

And yet, as mentioned previously, more improvements can indeed happen.

As the most important way to interact with government on any level is to vote — the burden must fall on the student government again to continually bring the percentage up to where it belongs.

This is truly the next step in improving the overall effectiveness, accountability and transparency of the organization.

Jones's e-mails and the voting database are working, which we believe is a signal that students are beginning to see their student government as an effective and worthwhile body that deserves attention.

-- For more information on the SGA, check out the Feature on our website, [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com).

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT THE IRANIANS HAVE THE INTENTION OF HAVING NUCLEAR WEAPONS."**

— United States Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates discussing the U.S. demand to investigate an Iranian nuclear enrichment site:

## The new SGA open door policy...



## COLUMNISTS



JEFF AYERS

## The war we forgot about

We are losing the war in Afghanistan, and nobody seems to notice.

As of Sept. 11 — the eighth anniversary of the tragedy that started the war — the Taliban remains a significant presence in 80 percent of the country.

This year was the deadliest year for the United States and its allies. In fact, the last three years running have each been the deadliest, each year one-upping the last.

If this information is new to you, I'm not surprised.

The conflict in Afghanistan has been receiving relatively little

coverage compared to the health care debate and even pop culture news.

America doesn't want to hear about people dying in a war, especially not in a war we are currently losing.

People want to hear about Kanye West making a fool of himself at an awards show, or watch a 24-hour tribute to the life of Michael Jackson.

I'm serious.

Between Sept. 13 and Sept. 16 of this year, 11 allied fatalities were reported in Afghanistan. Seven of those fatalities were American soldiers.

What dominated the talk shows and news programs during those three days? Kanye West's display of egotistical stupidity did.

I don't know about you, but I find that disturbing.

According to the Media Research Center, a CBS evening news telecast in late June allotted 13 seconds of airtime to cover the deaths of seven American soldiers.

Can anyone guess what 13 minutes of the 22 minute news program were dedicated to?

If you guessed Michael

Jackson's death, you are, quite disturbingly, correct.

It's a sad day when seven men who gave their lives for our freedoms are overshadowed by a man who sang songs.

No one wants to hear about our young men and women fighting a war in the desert. It's depressing and it doesn't draw high ratings.

But those young men and women — our fellow citizens — are dying.

In fact, 842 of them have died since the war began and 212 of those were this year alone.

They deserve our respect and the respect of the media.

If they hadn't been out there in the desert holding those guns, you would've been. It's their sacrifice that keeps the students of UVM from being drafted.

Maybe the recent call for troop increases will help put the spotlight back on Afghanistan, where it should be. But the spotlight never should have strayed away in the first place.

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington, Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).



COLUMNISTS



MAX KRIEGER

## Knowing where our money goes

Included in the tuition fee for every UVM student is \$70 that goes directly to the Student Government Association (SGA). As a first-year student, I have heard about the SGA. I have seen their posters and received their recruitment e-mails. I have even been asked if I was interested in running for senator. Unfortunately, I had no idea what the SGA does. On top of that, I have found most other students don't know either. Student government has its hands in everything from the student ethics code to how the student body communicates with the city of Burlington. However, those \$70 go toward the SGA's true power: club funding. In order to become an SGA-certified club, each group must write a constitution that states the club's purpose and operating system. This constitution must also be approved by the SGA. If a club breaks their constitution or receives a complaint, they must meet with the SGA to explain. In this situation, the SGA acts as a judicial system. They have

hearings and then decide how to act according to their basic constitution. If the problem is serious, the SGA acts as a mediating branch between the University Administration and the club. In many cases, the SGA fields these complaints brilliantly at a personal level. The members are understanding and personable. Yet, the rules they must follow as a bureaucracy create an awkward web of red tape. For example, in order to make any change to how a club operates, said club must amend its constitution, which in itself is an arduous process. The Student Government Association clearly has their hands full with organizing and funding the clubs, but they have several other jobs, such as enforcing the ethics code and even organizing waste management and environmental issues.

Ultimately, these projects may be valid, but they distract from the SGA's job of serving the thousands of students who participate in clubs. In order to better serve the students, the SGA should find a way to more efficiently focus its efforts on serving the student body. Separating club funding from the rest of the SGA's duties and making it clear how their system of funding works can accomplish this. Students need to know what their tuition does for them. SGA must make it clear that they are effectively and efficiently applying the funds.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since Fall 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Spaced out

There's water on the moon! Well, kind of. According to NASA scientists, probes have found the basic elements needed to "make" water on the moon, and estimate that roughly a quart of water exists for every cubic yard of lunar soil. But there's a problem: although NASA's annual budget is roughly \$18 billion a year, NASA claims they need an astronomical \$21 billion a year, or the doors of the space program are doomed to close. NASA says they need more money, and I say give it to them. It will be a sad day at space camp when the shuttles we currently use to transport astronauts to the International Space Station are retired in 2010, without any feasible alternatives waiting on the assembly lines. And you would think with all the technological advances we've had in the last century, we would have flying cars and cities in the clouds by now. I'm talking a full-on

hodgepodge of The Jetsons meets Luke Skywalker here, or at least something that resembles the sci-fi fantasies we know so well. The problem with space travel is, and always has been, the enormous cost it takes to get a spacecraft off the launch pad and into orbit. But what about the potential of our new frontier? What if Lewis and Clark had not explored the west because of monetary problems? Everything we need to make it to the moon and farther in the next century is right in front of us, and all we need to do is pump a little cash into the equation. Space is the final frontier — the end-all to discovery. Finding water on the moon is only the beginning. Think of all the things we could accomplish in the next century if NASA received the funding they needed to propel us into the next space age. We could discover a completely new life form, or find out ways to colonize other planets. Space exploration was built on hopes and dreams. Let's not shatter those dreams and abandon all hope for future space exploration just because it is expensive. Instead of wasting all our money on the fat cats on Wall Street, we should send NASA that money where they actually plan to do something productive with it.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He started writing for The Cynic in the spring of 2008.*



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

"Whether it's intelligence or environment or elsewhere, [republicans] bring the hammer down in a way democrats aren't good at, which I'm sort of glad about," West Virginia Senator Jay Rockefeller (D) said last week during an interview with Ezra Klein. If you've been following the health care struggle you probably did not need Rockefeller to tell you that, but his pride in his party's lack of order is still vexing. Democrats have yet to get a health care bill passed. What's there to be "glad" about? I suspect it has something to do with the general liberal ethos. Democrats are proud of their free-spiritedness, particularly in contrast to the republicans. They're like Kevin Spacey in "American Beauty." The republicans, on the other hand, are Chris Cooper's character Col. Frank Fitts, the strict, closeted disciplinarian. The only problem is, at the end of the movie, Col. Fitts shoots Spacey's liberal-minded

## Dems lack leadership

character in the back of the head. Actually, maybe that fits too — metaphorically speaking, of course. With the recent inter-party quasi-feud between President Barack Obama and New York Governor David A. Patterson, Rockefeller's point about his party's lack of decisive action seems particularly relevant. Obama's administration pushed Patterson not to seek re-election after the end of his term. Poll numbers show him trailing Rudy Giuliani for the gubernatorial slot and the White House has indirectly hinted that New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo may have a better shot at challenging him. For many idealists, this is a heavy-handed blow. It disrupts the Democratic Party's grassroots local power in favor of a top-down approach from the presidency. It also seems extremely calculating. All I have to say is: so what? For all intents and purposes, Obama is the head of the Democratic Party. Now the last time I checked, the Democratic Party was a political organization, not a Quaker church. Why it should lack leadership is beyond me. It's particularly important given its internal dynamics.

Unlike the republicans, the Democratic Party is extremely heterogeneous — racially, geographically and socio-economically. This feeds into the internal-discipline problems, but doesn't invalidate a solution and probably makes strong leadership more vital. As far as the Patterson issue goes, democrats could learn a lot from recent history. Rahm Emanuel, the president's chief of staff, has managed to spearhead some of the various minor interventions into state politics. He was also a leading architect of Democratic strategy for the 2006 election where democrats took back both houses of Congress. Certainly there are things to be gained from a diffuse, loosely administrated party, but I get the feeling that republicans wouldn't tolerate Red Dogs the way democrats have tolerated the Blue ones. Whatever happens in the Patterson affair, democrats should learn to crack the whip, or their stay on top will go by faster than you can say "yes we can."

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since the spring of 2009.*



MAX HARWOOD

## Sorry does not even come close

Two words: absolutely shocking. That is the phrase that comes to mind if you read the recent *Burlington Free Press* news article, "Ex-priest apologizes for abuse." According to the article, former priest Edward Paquette has been accused in 23 lawsuits for molesting altar boys in Vermont during the 1970s, including his first cousin Ron Paquette. Do you know how many fines he has had to pay? Do you know how many years he has spent in jail? The answer to both questions is zero. That's right, zero. I repeat: absolutely shocking. Since 1955 Paquette has been exposed for molesting his cousin, being caught with a teenage boy in a parked car and "molesting boys at three Indiana parishes

over a six-year period." Despite these incidents, there have been no legal sanctions imposed on Paquette. He was given multiple second chances after being expelled from both a Massachusetts and Indiana diocese. After the incidents in Massachusetts and Indiana, in 1972 he was hired by a Vermont Bishop who thought that electric-shock therapy had "cured" him of his homosexuality. Surprise, surprise, it wasn't long before Paquette was accused of sexually molesting boys at parishes in Rutland and Burlington. Once again, it gets worse: when civil lawsuits ranging from \$900,000 to \$8.75 million were filed against him, who paid the bill? The Vermont Catholic Diocese — that's who. And now at age 80, the unpunished — and I say unpunished fully aware that he finally permanently lost his position as priest — he is starting to say sorry. I say, save it Ed. You should be in jail. According to the article the churches that were aware of his misconduct in the 1960s and '70s, "perceived his problem as a moral problem, not a legal problem." Tell that to the dozens of children he molested. What is even more sickening

is the way that Paquette almost makes himself sound like the victim in the article. "In retrospect, Paquette said the Vermont diocese should have assigned him to a job that did not put him in a position where he might repeat his behavior." As if it was the fault of the Vermont Diocese? Try again Ed. How about: in retrospect, I should not have taken advantage of my position as a spiritual leader and sexually violated innocent youths in the house of God. He talks about how other than molesting boys, people say that he is generally a nice guy — and how when he was permanently expelled by the Vatican he felt like "the world had ended." I'm sorry you feel that way Ed, but I can't imagine that those boys felt much better when you touched them, and I'm sure that the fact that you're a nice neighbor really helps them sleep at night. It's all good and well that Paquette has decided to apologize, but any truly pious and sorry man who knows the evil which he has committed would give himself up to the mercy of the law that would impose an appropriate jail sentence.

*Max Harwood is a sophomore English major. He is the editor of The Cynic's opinion section.*

See something you disagree with?  
Put your voice in *The Cynic*!  
Write a Letter to the Editor and see it in print  
here in the Opinion section.  
E-mail letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu)



9.29-10.6

wed

THE CRAVE FOR  
EGYPT AT HOME AND  
ABROAD FEATURING  
ELIZABETH SMITH  
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Fleming Museum

PAINTED WORD  
POETRY SERIES  
FEATURING SUE  
BURTON AND DAVID  
CAVANAGH  
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Fleming Museum

thurs

HOMECOMING  
CONCERT  
UVM SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA, CHOIR  
AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE  
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
The Grand Maple  
Ballroom, Davis Center

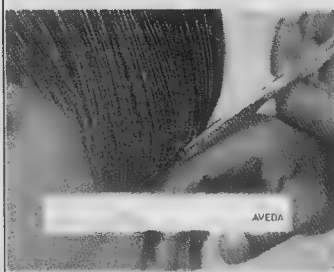
UVM THEATRE  
PRESENTS ARMS AND  
THE MAN  
7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Royall Tyler Theatre

fri

FIRST FRIDAY ART  
WALK  
BURLINGTON OPEN  
GALLERIES  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION:  
CATHERINE HALL  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
215 College Street

salon  
**obriens**



HAIRCUTS COLOR WAXING  
FACIALS MANICURES PEDICURES

University Mall 5 Burlington 863-2273  
247 Main Street Burlington 658-6565  
Fecav Junction Shopping Ctr 878-4554



KATIE CASSIDY | The Vermont Cynic

Beth Robinson displays her unique collection of Strange Dolls in the new S.P.A.C.E. gallery downtown on Pine Street.

## Not your typical Barbie

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Artist Beth Robinson, once a painter, traded in paintbrushes for human hair and antique fabrics, and started making what she calls "strange dolls."

Inspired by Japanese "ball-joint dolls" and put in surreal scenarios Robinson left behind portraiture to, as she says, "take the characters off the canvas."

"I'd never seen the doll treated as an art form like that before," Robinson said. "I literally went

to Borders and got a book on dollmaking."

From there, Robinson created an international name for herself, making dolls out of Polymer clay and a variety of other objects for people all over the world, from both custom requests and her own ideas.

However, the most peculiar and exciting request to date was, a woman in Philadelphia, requesting that Robinson make her a doll using her dog's teeth, her own hair and her kidney

stone, having Robinson create a sort of voodoo doll for her, which the woman then did her own embroidery on.

While none of the dolls Robinson has made have been as distinct as that one, she often uses real hair — from animals, herself, her friends or maybe a customer — in her dolls.

Despite the unconventional materials in the dolls, the dolls themselves are what especially seem to invoke a certain response, Robinson said.

"There's always a built-in reaction from people," Robinson said. Yet, her inspiration to craft the dolls is not simply to shock people.

"I'm not necessarily looking for a negative reaction," Robinson said. "Almost everyone has something to say about them. It's always very personal it seems."

"That's the part that I sort of anticipate," Robinson said. "That's what I look forward to — hearing people's stories and what they associate with the doll."

concert review

## The Decemberists rock the Flynn

Portland rockers play a mixed bag to a crowded house

By Dan Suder  
Cynic Correspondent

Burlington's Flynn Theater is a perfect venue for a modern-day rock opera, and that is what fans expected last Sunday.

The Decemberists were set to perform their opus "Hazards of Love" in its entirety, with two female guest vocalists and the band's standard cast of multi-instrumentalists.

But an airport delay left one of the guest vocalists, Becky Stark, elsewhere and the band was forced to play what lead singer Colin Meloy dubbed "a mixed bag."

A Mount Mansfield High School junior, Alan Heffernon,

minute shift.

"The mix of old and new was much more scintillating than the "Hazards" set would have been," he said.

Opener Laura Veirs & The Hall of Flames played a set of cutesy but accomplished pop songs before fog covered the stage and huge swaths of net fell from the ceiling.

The combination of net and colored lights created a lovely ethereal ambience.

The Decemberists' first set showcased the depth of their discography, with songs from all but one of their full-length albums.

Witty banter and good vibes within the band kept

the audience engaged and entertained between the well-executed tunes.

Second guest vocalist Shara Worden did make the show, and she brought the concert to the next level. Her vocal performance and exhilarating stage presence demanded attention and awe.

Tracks from "Hazards" showcased her theatricality and stage presence, not to mention vocal prowess.

More than halfway through the first set, new single "The Rake Song" got the crowd out of their chairs and dancing for the first time.

"The Flynn is a lovely place, but this shouldn't have been a

seated show," Plattsburgh bank teller Jenny Shafer said.

Perhaps the "Hazards of Love" set would have been better suited to theater seating, but the venue was inadequate for Sunday's performance.

The Decemberists ended their second set with a cover of Heart's "Crazy On You" featuring Worden on vocals.

The encore featured a new song played by a solo Meloy — a tender, sad acoustic number.

UVM freshman Tom Campbell summed the show up well.

"The hard rock of 'Hazards of Love' and the melodic beauty [of the band's other songs] made for an experience I won't forget."





## The benefits of sharing S.P.A.C.E.

KATIE CASSIDY | The Vermont Cynic

The new S.P.A.C.E. gallery showcases local developing artists, such as Beth Robinson (left).

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Tucked away in Burlington's South End, the Soda Plant Artist Collective Environment (S.P.A.C.E.) looks unassuming from the outside, only to reveal an active community of artists inside.

Functioning as both studio space and an art gallery, S.P.A.C.E. was the brainchild of artist Christy Mitchell, who rejected the isolation of a private studio to work with other artists.

"I really like being around creative people," Mitchell said. "I feel like I didn't have a choice."

When she first came to Burlington, Mitchell saw galleries close down one by one.

"I saw a lot of creative people, but not a place for them," Mitchell said.

Beth Robinson, an artist who

creates "strange dolls" and is part of the collective, was attracted to S.P.A.C.E. for Mitchell's "big ideas."

"Christy [Mitchell] was really open to growing it and making it a part of the community," Robinson said. "It was a real artists' collective experience."

"My idea with this gallery was that the rent would be paid by its tenants," Mitchell said. "We're not reliable on sales from the gallery," which can allow S.P.A.C.E. to host art that is not necessarily sellable.

Local artists agree with Mitchell's sentiments. "Burlington needs more of these type of studio collectives," Burlington artist Adam Glazer said.

Merging the studio spaces with the gallery, each member of the collective can show their work in the gallery one month out of the year.

Mitchell insisted that fame

isn't a prerequisite to showing work in the gallery.

"You don't have to be really well-known," Mitchell said.

On Oct. 2, S.P.A.C.E. is opening a Halloween show which will close on Oct. 31 with a party.

Although creating S.P.A.C.E. has been a lot of work for Mitchell, she has kept up her enthusiasm throughout of the project.

"You have to love what you're doing to do something like this," Mitchell said. "It's been my pet project."

And her enthusiasm has produced much more than she initially expected.

"It has a really good energy," Mitchell said.

"It has exceeded my expectations," Robinson said.

S.P.A.C.E. gallery and studios is located at 266 Pine Street Suite 105, and currently hosts 11 artists.

## album review

# Muse's new album gives listeners something to ponder

By Jillian Chamberlin  
Cynic Correspondent

Muses are tools to inspire, and the band Muse does just that. The musicians are fantastic, the lyrics are meaningful and the band works together to produce overwhelming songs.

Muse's most recent album, "The Resistance," does exactly this. The band's fifth album will not disappoint their following. "The Resistance" blurs the lines between genres of music; it is simultaneously progressive rock, alternative and electronica.

The first song on the album, "Uprising," suits its name. The song is a clever ballad that encourages listeners to question everything. It's paranoid, extravagant and wild.

"Uprising" mirrors front man Matt Bellamy's own political views, a conspiracy theorist who stated on Alex Jones's radio show in June 2007 that he believes, "September 11 is clearly an inside job."

The mixture of the electronic and rock genres calls for a revolution of a new generation of songs, and Bellamy will lead us there. As a rock star, one of the social gods of the world, why not start your own revolution?

"United States of Eurasia" delivers a slight nod to Queen's "We Are The Champions" and "Bohemian Rhapsody." It quickly develops into a Middle Eastern piano tune, yet it still feels completely like the band's

unique sound. Bellamy's voice, along with the piano, is absolutely captivating.

"Guiding Light" will make you feel like you're flying through space.

Though the lyrics themselves are somewhat depressing — but when it comes to relationships, we have to admit they're often true — the tune of the sound gives you that comfort that it's all going to be okay.

"Unnatural Selection" is perfectly fast-paced and another cry for the truth. "MK Ultra" and "Undisclosed Desires" are completely unique in sound, where the beat is counterbalanced by excellent vocals.


Muse closes their album with the last three songs "Exogenesis" (Parts 1-3), a rock symphony piece.

Akin to a space odyssey, one cannot doubt that Muse has taken us on a journey in "The Resistance."

The album is the Chuck Norris of music — reckless, eccentric and definitely in charge of its own free will. It's U2 meets Metallica, electronica meets rock, and could beat Coldplay any day.

"The Resistance" is fantastic, and possibly the best Muse album yet. And if you don't agree, then you're being controlled by the other side of the resistance.

four out of five



**THREE BROTHERS**  
*Pizza & Grill*

Show your  
College ID to get  
**20% OFF**  
Your Entire Order

Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

Now accepting CAT Scratch

Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt coke  
product and dozen wings

**\$24.99**

[www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com](http://www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com)  
973 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Colchester, VT  
802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075  
Open Seven Days a Week:  
Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri- Sat 11a-10pm

# haiku

by a /bored visitor

## surfing the /bored site, looking for something to do... i wasn't let down.

**/BORED Haiku Contest! Win 2 FREE tickets to "of Montreal"**  
email your haiku to [bored@uvm.edu](mailto:bored@uvm.edu).

# UVM.EDU/BORED

## stuff to do, on & off campus

facebook: [uvm.edu/bored](http://uvm.edu/bored) follow: [uvm\\_bored](https://twitter.com/uvm_bored) email: [bored@uvm.edu](mailto:bored@uvm.edu)





DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Cindy Amoako (left) and Katie Gioia prove that designer labels don't always mean fashionable style — one's personal flair is what really matters. After all, can you tell which lady is wearing the designer duds?

## CYNIC STYLE FILES

### Style vs. fashion

Cindy Amoako & Katie Gioia

If you've been following this column, you might have noticed that the Style Files has a rather laid-back attitude toward fashion.

This is because we believe in style — not fashion.

What's the difference, you ask? We believe that fashion often includes anorexic models, elitism and heavy price tags.

Style, on the other hand, is more about how clothes reflect you as a person — your own personal flair.

We've all seen the girl with the Louis Vuitton purse, Gucci sunglasses and Juicy Couture tracksuit with matching Coach sneakers.

Been there, done that.

In contrast, we've also seen someone walk down Main Street who we had to stop and stare at.

They were wearing something we had never seen before — and they were rocking it!

Spending thousands of dollars on a little black dress seems almost silly when you can find great options at less expensive stores like Forever 21.

When you buy a designer piece, you're really spending money on a name or an image, not necessarily a quality item. You don't need to kill yourself — or your wallet — to try to keep up with the Vuittons.

Don't feel pressured to shop at certain stores. Go explore different kinds of stores, and don't be afraid to try something new. See what you like. Don't be scared to mix and match.

You'd be surprised with the crazy, but cute, combinations you can come up with.

Making your own flair sets you apart, putting you in a whole new, non-Vuitton league.

People like to argue that the higher the price, the higher the quality. While this may be true in some cases, it definitely isn't most of the time.

A couple years ago, designer Tory Burch made these über-popular flats that had cool medallion-like decorations on the toes — you've probably seen the many similar styles that followed. At the time, the flats cost about \$200.

Good quality, right?

Soon many women were complaining about easily detached soles and ripped linings.

Don't get us wrong, the Style Files loves the occasional designer item — a pair of Gucci heels or a Prada dress — but because of the way they look, not the brand name.

The point is plain and simple: labels don't matter. Having style is not dependent on a brand name, just creativity. Wear designer clothes if you want and if that's what makes you happy.

But let yourself shine through your clothing — that is the core of style.

If you like what you're wearing, then sport it! Don't be afraid to flaunt your own vogue just because everyone else dresses differently.

As Coco Chanel once said, "Fashion fades, but style remains forever."

## Redefining what it means to have a mental health day

National student group Active Minds brings mental health awareness to the University of Vermont

By Cindy Amoako  
Staff Writer

A new movement is spreading through the nation's universities, and UVM students are joining the train in the name of helping others and reexamining the meaning of mental health.

Active Minds is that train.

It is a new non-profit organization that aims to raise consciousness on college campuses about mental health and wellness, Annie Cressey, a health educator and the forerunner of the UVM chapter of Active Minds, said.

There are currently 213 student-led chapters nationwide, including one at Middlebury College, according to the Active Minds website.

UVM is just starting its own chapter, so it has yet to be added to the online list of participating colleges.

The organization provides a forum to talk openly about mental

health issues and encourages examining how our language can be insensitive toward the mental health community, Cressey said.

"How many times have you

**"How many  
times have you  
pronounced  
something as 'crazy'  
without a second  
thought?"**

**Annie Cressey**  
Health educator

pronounced something as 'crazy' without a second thought?"

Active Minds was created in 2001 by former University of Pennsylvania student Alison Malmon, whose brother Brian took his own life after dealing

with depression and psychosis for several years, according to the website.

UVM juniors Kelly Andrews and Jillian Duncan, and senior Shannon McWilliam, are also helping to spearhead this chapter at UVM, Cressey said.

The four women are excited and want to encourage all students to become members.

"Anyone can be a leader," Andrews said.

"We just want you to use your talents, whatever they may be," Cressey said.

The Active Minds vision statement's goal is "to destigmatize mental health disorders by promoting open, enlightened discussion of mental health; and to create a better life for all who suffer."

There can be a stigma around mental illness where people shy away from such discussions, Cressey said.

On most college campuses there is a club for nearly everything, except something like this, she said.

"Helping others is a great way to help yourself," Andrews said. "By participating in this cause and helping others, you will come away with lessons learned as well."

People should come away with compassion, she said.

"Don't pass judgment. You never know what someone might be going through," McWilliam said.

An experience like Active Minds would be a great thing to have in your life "toolbox," Cressey said.

"The more we know, the more we can be aware of others and enhance our interaction with people."

Future meetings have yet to be scheduled, but be ready for future updates.

You can also visit [www.activeminds.org](http://www.activeminds.org) for more information or join the UVM Active Minds Facebook group.

active minds





ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic

The babysitter mingler is an opportunity for working parents to meet potential caretakers for their children.

## Meeting to find the perfect babysitter

### Students and community mix at babysitting mingler

By Vanessa Crain  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM students had a chance to participate in what was the fourth semi-annual babysitting mixer on Sept. 26, where potential babysitters and parents collide.

"It's going to a job fair with kids," one of the mixer's hosts, UVM senior Megan Benay, said.

"The process of the babysitting mingler is like speed dating," returning babysitter Angelina Maria Giorgetti said.

Students and parents meet, hand out contact info and chat for 20 minutes before the kids start flooding in, she said. Babysitters make valuable connections by interacting with both parents and kids.

University students are often assumed to be irresponsible and rowdy, so the babysitting mingler is very important to establish a bond between community members and students, Benay said.

"Babysitting gives UVM a kinder face," she said.

Students often just forget that there are also families living within Burlington, many of whom struggle to balance their workload and family life, she said.

"We find that when students and neighbors can meet each other, it also can improve the quality of life in neighborhoods," student services professional from the Office of Student and

Community Relations Alicia Taylor said.

"Babysitting is a mutually beneficial relationship," Taylor said. "It not only provides jobs for students, but also helps to fill a huge need in our community for parents."

While any sort of job might conflict with students' schoolwork and social life, Anna Louise Townsend, another longtime babysitter, said that it actually helps her be more productive and study more efficiently during nap time.

The most challenging part about babysitting is balancing out school, social life and work, Giorgetti said. "I will get overwhelmed sometimes when four families will request one weekend."

"For the most part, you get to make your own hours," Townsend said. "For instance, if someone calls and I can babysit, I do — if not, I usually help them by asking one of my friends to help out."

"I think a lot of students really enjoy hanging out with little kids," Taylor said.

"The little ones really look up to college students, and there is great potential for developing life-long relationships and really making a difference in a child's life."

This, combined with the extra responsibility students acquire, makes babysitting a valuable experience and not just a good alternative for a job.

## THE BEAST LOVES FRESHMEN.

The Beast of the East is ready for you this winter. With more than 100 après ski and restaurant options, the famous Killington Road nightlife, Collegiate Snowfest in January and a mountain known for its pipe and parks, including the Burton Stash, Killington is the place for college students this winter. The College Pass is valid for all full-time undergraduate and graduate students all season with no blackout dates (certain requirements apply).

COLLEGE SEASON PASS  
Only \$329\*



KILLINGTON.COM/COLLEGE  
800.621.MTNS

\*Does not include applicable taxes. Restrictions apply. Go to [www.killington.com/college](http://www.killington.com/college) for complete details.

EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS®

# Parents Weekend 15% OFF\*

Everything in the store  
with this ad or valid college ID  
October 2-4

% off full-price, in-stock items only. Not valid online or on prior purchases, gift cards, or rentals.  
Offer valid 10/2/09 thru 10/4/09 at South Burlington only. Cashier instructions: F3, F3, 1, \*15% College Discount.

South Burlington

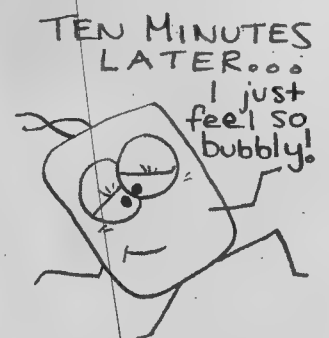
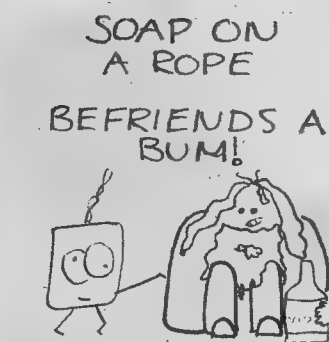
100 Dorset St.  
802-864-0473

**eastern  
mountain  
sports**  
EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS

SHOP THE WAY YOU WANT online [ems.com](http://ems.com) | phone 888-463-6367 | stores 84 locations

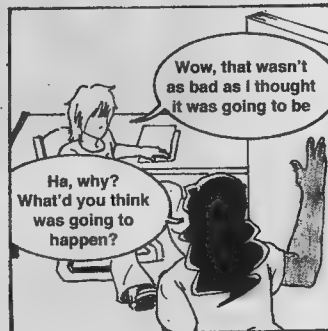
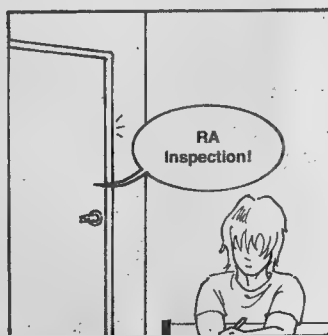


by Ashley Frisolli



The Adventures of Joel & Chris

by Andrew Becker



# NO GOOD REASON

by R. Valenti



author of the #1 New York Times bestseller  
DRESS YOUR FAMILY IN CORDUROY AND DENIM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 7:30 PM

AN EVENING WITH

# DAVID SEDARIS

BURLINGTON, VT

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

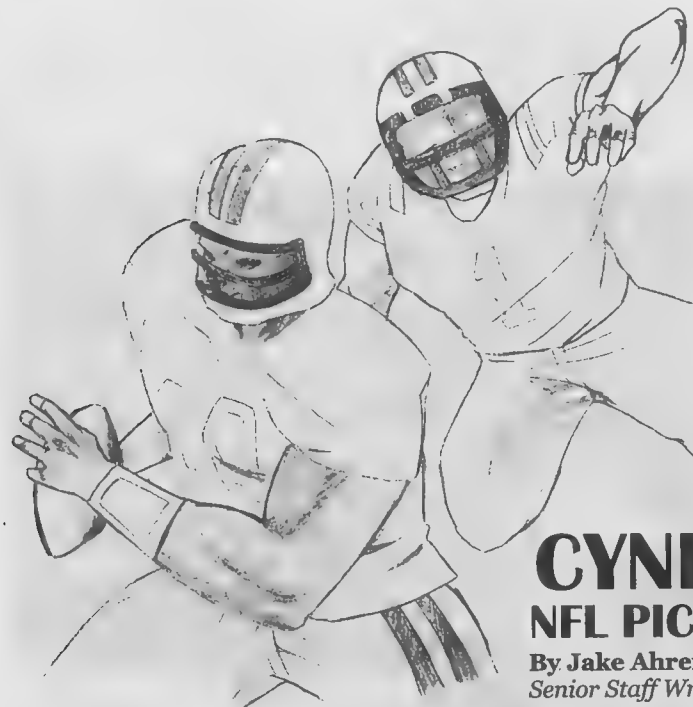
TICKETS:

FLYNN TIX BOX OFFICE

FLYNN TIX.ORG, 802-86-FLYNN

illustration copyright 2008  
michael schwab studio





## CYNIC NFL PICKS

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer

### Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings Pick: Vikings

This is a must watch Monday night game and we all know why. This is the first of two games where Brett Favre will dawn the purple and play with the rival of his former team.

There definitely are some ill feelings on both sides — Favre still feeling shafted from two years ago when the Pack went with their quarterback of the future, Aaron Rodgers instead, and the Packers feeling that their legendary quarterback went to the enemy.

Feelings aside, the Vikings are at home and are just the better team.

### San Diego Chargers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers Pick: Steelers

The Chargers travel across the country to Heinz Field to take on the defending Super Bowl champions in a rematch of the divisional round playoff game.

This time will be the same.

The Steelers have had trouble getting their offense going in their first two games and, if they didn't get it going against the Bengals, they will when they face the Chargers D, which has not looked good this year.

With the Steelers defense, all the offense has to do is score a couple of times and they'll win.

### New York Jets vs. New Orleans Saints Pick: Saints

With a new and improved attack-oriented defense, the Jets will have to prove their defense against the Saints' number one offense in the league.

But the Saints have one of the best offensive lines in the NFL, which allowed a league low 13 sacks last year, and are on pace to allow 16 this year.

If this superb offensive line can keep All-Pro quarterback Drew Brees upright, he will show why he came within 30 yards of breaking Dan Marino's record for most passing yards in a season.

### Baltimore Ravens vs. New England Patriots Pick: Patriots

The Baltimore Ravens still have that bruising running game, but they seem to be passing it a lot more, scoring more than 30 points in their first two games, something previously unheard of coming out of Baltimore.

And while their defense has been great against the run, it left something to prove against the pass, where Phillip Rivers scorched them for 436 yards just

two weeks ago.

Look for the Patriots to exploit the Ravens pass D all day, as they run up the score.

### Cincinnati Bengals vs. Cleveland Browns Pick: Bengals

The battle for Ohio is not that much fun for anyone outside the Buckeye state.

Both teams have seen better years and this rivalry game will once again pit two predictably bad teams against one another.

The Bengals seem to have more to offer than the Browns, with perennial Pro Bowl quarterback, Carson Palmer, healthy and back behind center.

While obviously not the best team in the league, the Bengals are lucky because the Browns are just a little worse.

Recaps, scores  
and more can  
all be found our  
website

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)



ANDRE MALERBE | The Vermont Cynic

Junior attack Liam Thomas (3) goes after the ball in one of the 2009 season's games. Thomas and the rest of the lacrosse team — as well as the soccer teams — have newly renovated locker rooms.

## Athletes enjoy new facilities

The lacrosse and soccer teams find their new locker rooms to be places of team-building and a hard-earned reward

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

Over the past few years, the locker rooms of four UVM varsity sports have been renovated and expanded with private money donated by supporters of the teams.

The men's and women's lacrosse teams, as well as the men's and women's soccer teams, have gone from small, shared spaces to fully equipped locker room facilities.

"Prior to the team room renovations, these four programs had locker rooms that were well below any acceptable standard for a varsity athletic program," Senior Associate Athletic Director Jeff Schulman said.

"The University was fortunate to find private donors who had an interest in helping us to address this need and we

were able to move forward with the projects."

Schulman and the coaches of the four teams also commented on the benefits to the teams in terms of recruiting, team chemistry and instruction.

"Prior to the new space, our student-athletes all came to practice from different directions and once it ended, all went their separate ways," head men's lacrosse coach Ryan Curtis said. "The locker room gives them a place to just be teammates, spend time together and really form a family-like bond."

"We have a great space to learn and come together as a team," head men's soccer coach Jesse Cormier said.

The locker room for the women's soccer team is still currently in the process of being renovated.

Though the job is not yet complete, head coach Kwame

Lloyd said that the team is enjoying the improvements that have already been made and is looking forward to what is to come.

"For now it gives them a space to hang their boots and gather as we train year round," Lloyd said.

More expansions of UVM facilities may be possible in the future if the necessary money can be raised.

"While it may take the University many years to complete all of the projects, the campus is likely to see new recreation and athletic facilities as we are able to generate the necessary private financial support," Schulman said.

"It has been a nice reward to them as Division I student-athletes for all the time and effort they put into our program," head women's lacrosse coach Jen Johnson said.

## Give winter a warm welcome.



Welcome back, students, parents, and alums!  
Come to the Alpine Shop and find great outerwear from brands including:

- The North Face
- Marmot
- Cloudveil
- and more!
- Patagonia
- Arc'Teryx
- Burton

**\$25 off** any purchase  
of \$100 or more!\*

FREE GIFT WRAPPING

Photo courtesy of Nicki Varkevissar



Williston Rd, So. Burlington 862-2714 • Merchant's Row, Middlebury 388-7547 • [www.alpineshopvt.com](http://www.alpineshopvt.com)





9.29-10.04

wed

FIELD HOCKEY VS.  
DARTMOUTH

3 p.m.

Moulton Winder Field

MEN'S SOCCER

@ DARTMOUTH

6 p.m.

Hanover, N.H.

thurs

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
VS. MAINE

3 p.m.

CENTENNIAL FIELD

fri

CROSS COUNTRY,  
PAUL SHORT  
INVITATIONAL

11 a.m.

Bethlehem, Pa.

sat

CROSS COUNTRY  
VERMONT STATE  
MEET

TBA

Johnson

FIELD HOCKEY @  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY

11 a.m.

Boston

SWIMMING ALUMNI  
MEET

12:30 p.m.

FORBUSH

NATATORIUM

MEN'S SOCCER  
VS. UMBC

1 p.m.

CENTENNIAL FIELD

sun

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
@ UMBC

1 p.m.

Baltimore

www

FIELD HOCKEY  
@ BROWN

2 p.m.

Providence, R.I.

MEN'S HOCKEY VS.  
NEW BRUNSWICK

4 p.m.

GUTTERSON  
FIELDHOUSEWOMEN'S HOCKEY  
VS. MCGILL  
(PRESEASON)

7 p.m.

GUTTERSON  
FIELDHOUSE

DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

UVM freshman D.J. Edler (17) and junior Juan Peralta (5) look on as a save is made during the Smith Barney Classic game against Portland. Catamount head coach Jesse Cormier said that the team continues to improve with each game.

## Identity crisis: who is the UVM men's soccer team?

By Jake Ahrens and Liza Hogeland  
Senior Staff Writer & Cynic Correspondent

After going winless in their first seven games of the season, the men's soccer team is still looking for their identity. A contributing factor to their missing identity is the challenge of trying to adapt to 12 new players joining the roster this season.

Head coach Jesse Cormier is aware that the start of their season thus far has been a growing experience.

"We have a young group of guys," Cormier said. "We're still learning and growing as a team and trying to put everything together."

And the growing pains were still apparent when the team traveled to Tennessee for the Memphis Classic where, against Memphis and Alabama-Birmingham, they tied and lost.

Despite the losses, the team made positive strides during the tournament.

Some highlights include senior keeper and co-captain Tom Critz and sophomore defender Yannick Lewis were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Not only has Critz been a standout on the field, he has also been working hard to boost the confidence of the younger players, leading with his on-field play.

"As a captain, I'm just trying

to keep the morale of the team high," Critz said. "We want to keep working."

What was apparent with the Memphis Classic has proven to be a pattern throughout the season thus far, where the team has had trouble finishing games, failing to score a goal in the second half or overtime.

The team is aware of this and dedicates practice time to improving their chances in front of the net.

"We have been splitting up the defenders and the forwards at the start of practice," co-captain and senior T.J. Gore said. "And for around 40 minutes we'll work on sequences of touches in front of the goal and putting the ball on frame."

Although they have a losing record, Critz and Gore still believe the team has time to work through this rough patch before their slate of conference games arrive in October.

"We thought we had it figured out coming into the year," Gore said. "But it shows we need a little more work, and we are still trying to find our identity."

The Catamounts take on UMBC at home Sat., Oct. 3, for their first conference game and are optimistic about their chances.

"Defense has been playing well, and as a team we just have to put it all together and start filling up the stat sheet," Critz said.

## Junior Bonfigli playing an important role on the pitch

By John Butler  
Cynic Correspondent

As the 2009 season for the UVM women's soccer team unfolds, a leader has been found in junior midfielder and forward Gabby Bonfigli.

Originally from Essex, Bonfigli has started in all seven games this season and leads the team with two goals.

"Gabby is a key factor; she is a game changer for us," head coach Kwame Lloyd said.

Becoming a playmaker for a team takes a great deal of skill. This she learned from being raised playing soccer.

"I started playing soccer when I was five, and club when I was eight," Bonfigli said. "I have been playing basically my whole life."

While having fun throughout her years of playing soccer, she has always had a strong determination to reach the top since the dawn of her soccer career.

"My dad would always remind me that when I was 12, I told him that I was going to play Division I soccer and I didn't know where yet but it was just a goal of mine, and he supported it," Bonfigli said.

Yet her aspirations were not always toward playing soccer at the University of Vermont.

"I never wanted to come to UVM when I was younger because it was way too close," Bonfigli said.

Being so close to home may have an impact on her while she plays at Centennial Field, all five of her UVM career goals were scored on the home field.

"I really love playing at Centennial Field," Bonfigli said. "I have a lot of family here. I look forward to every game where they can watch me."

"I am just as excited and pumped up for away games but it's just how it's turned out. I just love being home and having all the support of the community."

It is not proven that the excitement Bonfigli receives from playing at home changes her style of play. What is known is that her presence on the team affects everyone around her. She takes on a role as one of the leaders on the team, being one of the older players on a young team with 13 freshmen.

"I think her leadership style is more by example this year than it is being a vocal leader but she's trying to show them how they are and aren't supposed to



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

UVM freshman Nicoleta Hardesty (24) runs after the ball in Sept. 17's 2-1 loss to Rhode Island. In the game, Hardesty notched one shot on goal, while junior Gabby Bonfigli recorded one goal.

hold themselves on and off the field and setting a work ethic and training ethic that sets a good tone for the freshman," Lloyd said.

Even though Bonfigli is at the point where she can give pointers to the younger players, she still strives to learn more about the game and find out what can make her and her team better.

"As a coach, you want to

be around those kids who don't know it all, and Gabby is a student of the game and she's a sponge and so she is always looking to get better," Lloyd said. "It's fun to be around her because we know she will seek challenges."

With America East Conference play starting soon, the Vermont women's soccer team will look for the leadership of Bonfigli to guide them through a successful season.





## NEWS

Complex systems scientist Stuart Kauffman joins UVM faculty.

## LIFE

Vermont apple pressing makes strides in popularity for students.

## SPORTS

Men's and women's soccer face conference competition.  
www.vermontcynic.comTHE VERMONT  
CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, October 6, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 6 | Burlington, Vermont

## ResLife aims to revise the poster policy

## Residential and campus-wide policies under review

By Patrick Dowd  
Cynic Correspondent

Currently, any student who wants to put up posters in dorm spaces must first seek permission from Department of Residential Life, located on Redstone Campus.

That policy could soon change.

The policy is in place now so that ResLife isn't liable for inappropriate postings, Katie Rifken, chair of the Student Government Association (SGA) public relations committee, said.

Lucy Croft, president of the Inter-Residence Association, said that it does not place any "blanket restrictions" on what can or cannot be posted.

"The new posting and solicitation policy is in place to protect the safety of the students and not to censor or edit the content," Croft said.

When Rifken ran elections for SGA at the beginning of this year, she said she observed how inconvenient the policy was for each individual student wanting to advertise

in their dormitories.

"It floods [the ResLife office] with a lot of extra work," Rifken said.

Rifken said she thinks the policy should stay in place, only with some modifications to be more user-friendly, potentially incorporating an online approval system.

But posting in residential halls is different from posting in other University buildings — and the University-wide solicitation policy is also under review.

The previous interim solicitation policy was decentralized, Rifken said, meaning buildings like the Davis Center and the library created their own guidelines.

Under the current policy, anyone is allowed to post anything they want on public posting boards designated around campus.

If someone finds the material to be inappropriate then they are free to tear it down, the policy states.

The currently effective policy starts off with an "appropriate challenge" to external commercial solicitation, Garrison Nelson a political science professor at UVM, said.

The stated goal of the policy is "to ensure safety, security and order" on

see POSTERS on page 2

## Free HIV testing offered to students

## Center for Health and Wellbeing providing free HIV tests

By Sydney Schachter  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM's Center for Health and Wellbeing offered its first of a series of free and anonymous HIV testing sessions for students on Sept. 22.

The Center, located on Redstone Campus, works with Vermont Cares, a committee for AIDS resources, education and services, to provide free testing on campus for UVM students.

"This is a tough topic — a lot of people feel differently about it. [The testing] is a good option to have."

Eligio Infante  
UVM sophomore

Health and Wellness Program Coordinator Laura Megivern explained that Vermont Cares provides all of the necessary testing equipment so there is no out-of-pocket price for UVM students.

"All we have to do is provide a space, schedule sessions and advertise around campus," Megivern said.

This year's first session, held on Sept. 22, had a significant turnout, Megivern said.

"All 10 spots were filled and we had to turn three students away," she said.

When the Center runs out of testing slots, students are referred to the Vermont Cares clinic at 187 Saint Paul St., she said. Students can receive free testing there on Mondays from 4 to 7 p.m.

Free testing will be available on Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, Megivern said.

On these days, students may come between 10 a.m. and noon, but are encouraged to come early because there is a limited amount

of spots available.

"The slots can fill up quickly, so the earlier you can get there the better," Megivern said.

At the testing center, students can expect a relaxed, anonymous environment.

The Center has a lot of people going in and out for many reasons, so it is easy to keep a student's decision to get tested private, she said.

Once the results are determined, students will meet with someone privately to discuss the results. Should a student's results indicate he or she may need more help, they can be referred to someone on or off campus.

Megivern said that the program is successful and beneficial to the

UVM community.

"The piece that is key for me is that it is convenient [for students]," Megivern said.

UVM sophomore Eligio Infante said that he thought it was a great resource to have on campus and that students will be glad to know it is available.

"This is a tough topic — a lot of people feel differently about it," Infante said. "[The testing] is a good option to have."

Freshman Max Landerman said that the Center for Health and Wellbeing would be a comfortable and safe place to have the testing done and that it is also easily accessible for students.

"I've seen the signs around campus — I definitely think it's a good thing," Landerman said.

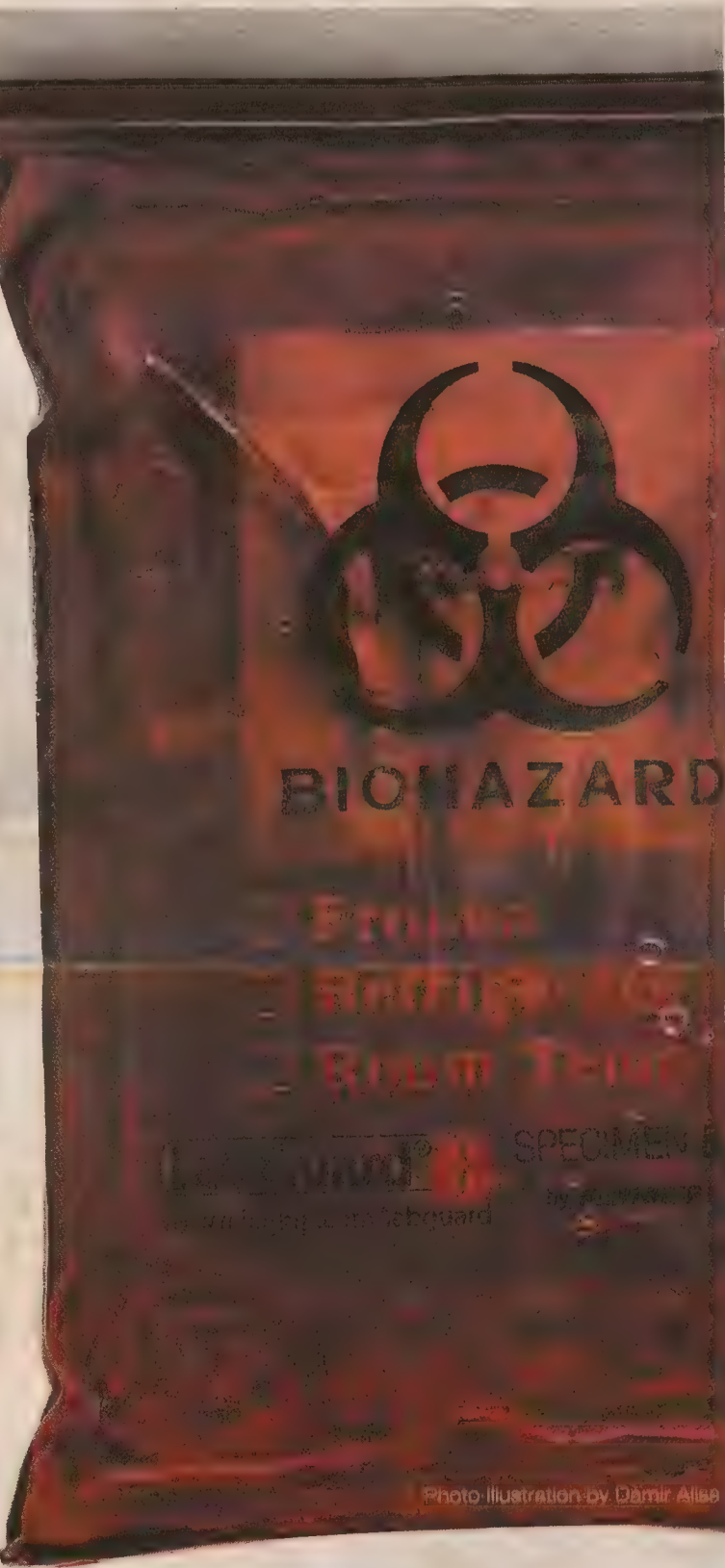


Photo illustration by Dámir Alise

## Commissioners cater to students' interests

## Presidential Commissions represent campus diversity and hope to move University forward

By Claire Eaton  
Asst. News Editor

Every year since 2002, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel has met with committees representing diverse groups around campus.

These faculty, staff and student committees aim to research, monitor and report on the status a variety of issues, including the status of women, racial diversity,

diversity and inclusion, lesbian, gay and transgender equity and social change.

"Our charge is to look broadly throughout the University for issues that aren't being addressed and that need community focus," Susan Comerford, commissioner for the Presidential Commission on Racial Diversity, said.

"We are identifying through

see COMMISSIONS on page 2



## COMMISSIONS | Groups hope to guide UVM policy

...continued from page 1

research the key areas where we can make a difference for the whole campus community and then working along with other commissions on campus to make the change," she said.

Past changes resulting from the Presidential Commissions include the "blue light" phone system expansion, implementation of a six-credit diversity requirement, expansion of UVM's anti-discriminatory policy, introduction of the English Language Learners (ELL) Initiative and an increased ALANA enrollment by 87 percent during the last eight years, according to a letter from the president to the UVM community.

All committees but the the President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) were formed during Fogel's term in office beginning in 2002.

Comerford said that one

of the most important goals of the commissions is to prepare students colleagues to become leaders with a deep knowledge and understanding of diversity, with which they can go on and continue to create communities of inclusion in the future.

"By having Presidential Commissions, we have the support of the president and the authority to look at issues across campus," Comerford said.

Commissioner Dot Brauer from the Presidential Commission on Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Equality (PCLGBTE) said she feels it is important that the president hears from representatives throughout the community that represent the University as a whole.

"It creates a forum where members of UVM's community who are LGBTQ and their allies come together on a regular basis to discuss and examine issues of climate, curriculum, policy and

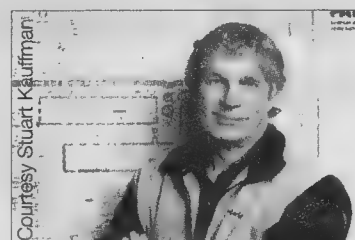
practice at UVM that impact LGBTQ students, staff and faculty members," Brauer said.

Brauer said that serving on a commission also provides important leadership and service opportunities for community members and helps develop their understanding of the overall functioning of the institution.

Despite this, the Presidential Commissions are not widely known among the student body.

"I didn't know it even existed," junior Liza Cannon said. "It's surprising that the president is actually spending time on something like this and not on administrative duties."

Comerford and McShane said that the Commissions are very interested in recruiting student members, because students are crucial to incorporating the interests and needs of the UVM community.



STUART KAUFFMAN

## Scientist Kauffman joins UVM

By Eric Hoke  
Cynic Correspondent

Beginning in January, UVM will be the new home for world-renowned scientist Stuart Kauffman.

Kauffman is known for his contributions to the science of complex systems — systems considered complex in nature, society and science.

He is the director of the University of Calgary's Institute for Biocomplexity and Informatics and the author of "At Home in the Universe" and "The Origins of Order."

Kauffman's research into complex systems explores fundamental questions on the origin of life, as well as practical questions like how to organize networks, Maggie Eppstein, director of the Complex Systems Center at UVM, said.

His research may also have applications for developing a cure for cancer, she said.

"He's a real pioneer in the field of complex systems," Eppstein said "He's one of the truly great thinkers of our day."

The strength of the faculty drew Kauffman to UVM, Eppstein said.

"He feels he can synergize here," Eppstein said.

Members of the Complex Systems Center are looking forward to working with Kauffman.

"I am frankly very excited," biology professor Charles Goodnight said. "I didn't think it was going to be a possibility because we're going through budgetary hard times."

It is expensive to bring a figure of Kauffman's stature to UVM, though funding for his appointment did not cause further reductions in faculty funding, Eppstein said.

Dominico Grasso, vice president for research at UVM, worked with Frederick Morin, the dean of UVM's College of Medicine, to bring Kauffman to the University.

"He's a luminary — there's absolutely no question that he'll bring tremendous visibility to UVM."

Richard Foote  
UVM mathematics professor

"He's a luminary," mathematics professor Richard Foote said. "There's absolutely no question that he'll bring tremendous visibility to UVM," he said.



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Freshman Nicky Buxton puts up a poster on the tack board outside of Cook Commons. After the Department of Residential Life reviews their posting and solicitation policies, students like Buxton may be required to follow differing policies on-campus bulletin boards.

## POSTERS

...continued from page 1

campus, Nelson said.

"But every repressive government on earth has invariably justified its repression of citizen's rights with these same three states objectives," Nelson said.

"I know we have a lot of [SGA] senators who are very interested in the new University policy," Rifken said.

Rifken added that once the new policy's changes are made public, there will be a window of time allotted for allowing student input before the policy goes into effect.

# Fall Opening Reception

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14 AT 5:30 PM

On View:

**NAPOLEON ON THE NILE**  
*Soldiers, Artists, and the Rediscovery of Egypt*

**EGYPTOMANIA**

**CUBAN ARTISTS' BOOKS AND PRINTS 1985-2008**

HOSTED BY

President Daniel Mark Fogel, Rachel Kahn-Fogel, and Fleming Museum Director Janie Cohen

Opening remarks at 6:00 PM

Live Music / Cash Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

Free Admission for UVM Students, Faculty, and Staff

The exhibition *Napoleon on the Nile* was organized by the Dahesh Museum of Art, New York City. *Cuban Artists' Books and Prints* was organized by Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC. Support for the fall exhibition schedule has been generously provided by the Kalkin Family Exhibitions Endowment Fund and the Walter Cerf Exhibitions Fund.

[www.flemingmuseum.org](http://www.flemingmuseum.org)

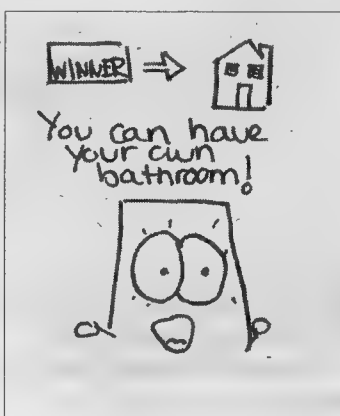
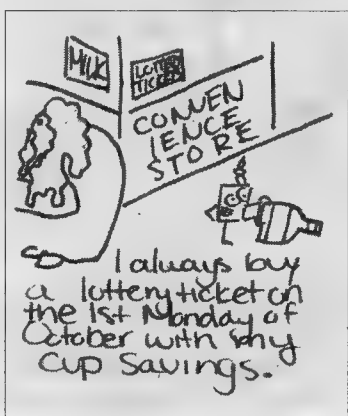
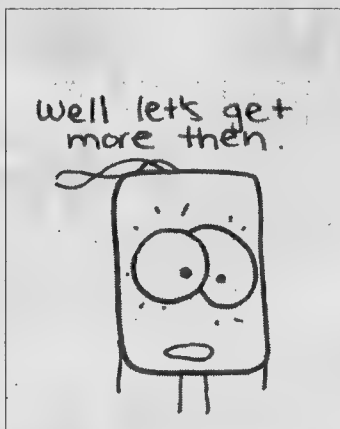
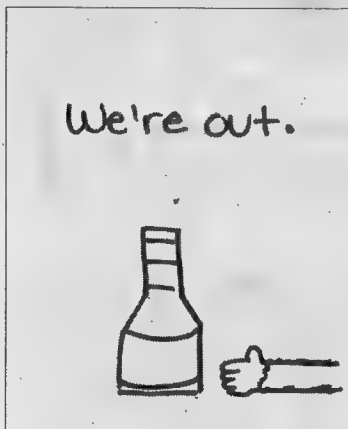
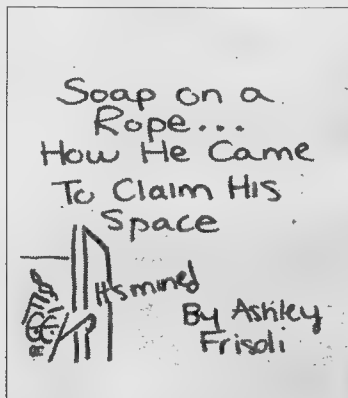
The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT'S  
**FLEMING MUSEUM**



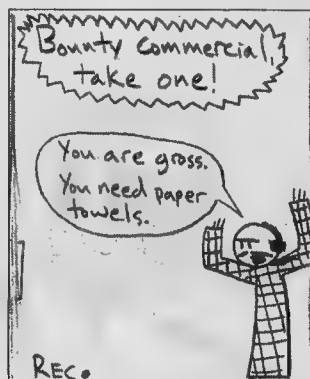
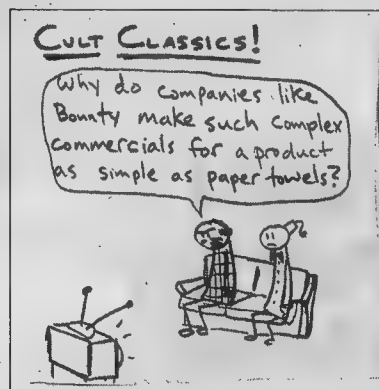


## Soap on a Rope

by Ashley Frisoli

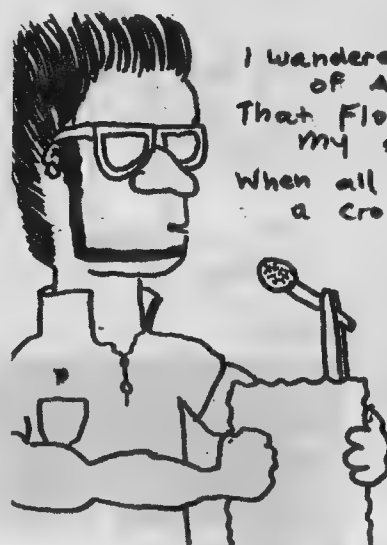


## Cult Classics!

by  
Phil Zuckerman

## NO GOOD REASON

by R.Velenti



author of the #1 New York Times bestseller  
DRESS YOUR FAMILY IN CORDUROY AND DENIM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 7:30 PM

AN EVENING WITH

DAVID  
SEDARIS

BURLINGTON, VT

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

TICKETS:

FLYNN TIX BOX OFFICE

FLYNN TIX.ORG, 802-86-FLYNN



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunggaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bri-Leigh Yazic

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

Join *The Cynic*.

Stop by the office on  
the first floor of the  
Davis Center.

## STAFF EDITORIAL

New protocol  
for posters may  
have potential

To put up a poster in your dorm, you'll need more than just tacks and tape.

You will need to trek over to Robinson Hall and drop off your poster with ResLife, where it will stay until it receives an official stamp.

Recently, however, Residential Life has sought to revise their posting and soliciting policy to make it more user-friendly.

*The Cynic* commends this initiative.

One of the proposals being discussed would allow students to submit posters for approval via the Internet and we think ResLife should absolutely follow through with this proposal.

Allowing students to submit posters online would make the process much easier and more efficient and, in turn, it would increase the amount of students who use the dorms as a forum to advertise.

In addition, in the upcoming discussions between ResLife, IRA and the SGA, they should aim to rectify the various standards across campus for putting up posters and advertisements.

As it stands, putting a poster up in the Davis Center, Bailey/Howe Library or any other building on campus each requires a completely different set of posting and solicitation rules, which depends on the building in question — the result of a University-wide decentralization of posting policies.

Such discrepancies make it difficult and frustrating for clubs and organizations to effectively advertise across campus.

That means that if you want to advertise an event such as a ski trip or a concert, you would have to go through multiple bureaucracies with differing standards for each.

If ResLife could come up with a common set of universal standards for all on-campus advertising, they would be doing our community a valuable service.

In addition, according to Katie Rifkin, chair of the Student Government Association (SGA) public relations committee, there will be a window of time allotted for students to give their input for the new standards.

The SGA should be commended for this proposal, which shows their effort to reach out to students and make sure that they are in touch with the student body.

We encourage all students to get involved in this process. If we want our community to reflect our values, we need to make our voices heard.

*The Cynic* feels is great that ResLife has sought to make the advertisement and poster policies more user-friendly and accessible.

We encourage them to follow through on their proposals and create a system that is universal and reflects students' values and interests.

"Hmm... Is it 8.5x11? Was it approved by ResLife? What about the Davis Center?"



## COLUMNIST



MAX KRIEGER

Evading the  
government

Have you ever heard the expression "history repeats itself?"

The debate over universal health care has brought us right back to where we started a century and a half ago.

The year 1861 marked the explosion of debate over individual state rights versus the federal law. Instead of health care, the argument was over slavery. You may also know this time as the Civil War.

Several republican political leaders and small groups of activists are trying to resurrect their secessionist ways by amending state constitutions in order to stop the proliferation of mandatory health care as stated in President Obama's health care bill.

These amendments were first introduced in 2008 in Arizona

and other western states where they originated, but they were defeated by a narrow margin.

The tenacious republican senators were not deterred and recently have voted to reintroduce the amendments as a referendum in 2010.

Referendums are a double-edged sword. On one hand, they give power directly to the people. On the other, people are often ill-informed about the issues.

If every issue came to a referendum, we would have no taxes, no funding for government programs, schools or hospitals.

In this sense, these prospective referendums are seen by many as not just a way to fight health care, but a way to undermine the federal government.

In *The New York Times* on Wednesday, Sept. 30, Clint Bolick of the Goldwater Institute, a conservative lobbyist group, admitted that these amendments should not technically be constitutionally viable.

The Supremacy Clause of Article VI of our Constitution states:

"This Constitution ... shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding."

Instead of abiding by the Constitution, Bolick intends to use the power of the conservative

legislative activists on the Supreme Court to bolster state power.

Some may argue that the power of the federal government over the state is not a black-and-white issue, but clearly the Constitution begs to differ.

These blatant deceptive tactics show just how far some people are willing to go to fight any form of government-run institution.

Of course state referendums have been shown to be useful on issues that only affect the state.

In Vermont, for example, referendums have been used to make Chinese an optional language of study in secondary schools.

However, on issues of national importance, federal power should always hold sway over state governments.

In our modern war of states' rights versus federal power, we find ourselves facing volleys of legal jargon instead of confederate cannons in the battle over universal health care.

Ultimately, in order to make progress, we must cut through the impenetrable mess of politics and realize that the federal government, for better or for worse, is given constitutional power over the states.

Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for *The Cynic* since Fall 2009.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"WE HAVE A TRULY MASSIVE CRISIS OF LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT."

— CHRISTINE OWENS, Executive Director of the National Employment Law Project, in a statement referencing that nearly 400,000 jobless people had exhausted their unemployment benefits by the end of September.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



# POINT COUNTERPOINT

U.S. is not the world police

We have the right to safety

Does the U.S. have the right to demand inspections in Iran?



MICHAEL FARLEY

I'm a proud American, but for the next 100 words or so I'm going to be an Iranian citizen — and I want full inspections of every nuclear facility in the United States and full disarmament of their nuclear weapons program.

You think I'm joking, but I'm dead serious.

My fellow Iranians and I do not feel safe, considering the U.S. is the only country to ever use nuclear weapons in combat, and we will impose strict sanctions against the U.S. government if they do not comply with our demands.

And if the U.S. chooses to ignore our sanctions, we will impose more sanctions on them and threaten to send in our own nuclear inspectors!

OK, now back to being a red, white and blue American:

Do you see how ridiculous I sound as an Iranian citizen demanding inspections of our nuclear facilities?

Well, the U.S. demanding inspections, disarmament and imposing sanctions sounds just as ridiculous to me.

Really, how many times has Iran been sanctioned by the U.S.?

Because it literally seems like every week the U.S. is threatening to impose more and more sanctions against them.

A little word to the wise in the White House: Iran has a Holocaust denier leading the country; do you believe for one second he feels pressured by a sanction?

Sanctions might be the most superficial way of attempting to discipline a country.

I made the argument that I, the Iranian, did not feel safe with the U.S. having full nuclear capabilities. This may sound ridiculous, but that is the same mentality shared by the U.S. — and currently the world — about Iran.

The U.S. is the only country to ever use nuclear weapons in combat, and is responsible for more than 200,000 deaths. Who are we to dictate who is too dangerous to have nuclear weapons?

I won't use the Second Amendment to back up my argument since this is a worldwide topic, but don't people everywhere have the right to protect themselves?

If my neighbor buys a tank and points it at my house, I'm doing the same to him.

I honestly think no country or government is "safe" enough to have nuclear weapons, but it's too late for that.

I'm all for peace and keeping things safe, but the U.S. is not the world police.

If we have the right to inspect and demand disarmament, then every country in the world has that same right, and until the world becomes a war-free zone, that's how it'll have to be.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*

The United States demanded that Iran grant international inspectors "unfettered access" to its recently disclosed uranium enrichment facility, and I say, good.

I would personally feel safer knowing just what exactly Iran was up to as far as nuclear weapons are concerned.

These demands may make America look as if we're trying to "police the world" again, but I believe this situation is different. We aren't trying to solve other people's problems — we are looking out for ourselves.

The United States' status militarily, politically and economically gives us the capacity to demand access to Iran's facilities, and to carry through with that demand. The first priority of the U.S. government should be the protection of its people.

Worrying about how we will be viewed by others for utilizing our standing as a powerful nation should come in second — a distant second.

There is a very good chance, in fact, that Iran's facility violates the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which it signed in 1970, that states an agreement between the nations of the world to suspend the development of nuclear weapons.

If Iran is indeed breaking this treaty, then demanding to inspect the facility is simply an act of holding the country accountable for an agreement they made on the world's stage.

Also, in the past, Iran has been responsible for openly hostile acts towards the United States.

For example, in 1979 Iranian militants took the United States embassy,



JEFF AYERS

holding 53 hostages for 444 days.

Iranian President Mahmoud Amhadinejad also continually takes shots at the U.S. and President Barack Obama in many of his speeches.

As if that's not enough, Iran strained their relationship with the U.S. and other Western nations once more when they recently tested a variety of long-range missiles.

These missile tests came days before a meeting with the U.N. Security Council and I believe they were meant as a message to take Iran seriously.

These missiles are capable of hitting targets as distant as Moscow, Southern Italy, Israel and most importantly, U.S. military bases in the Middle East. The White House has publicly condemned these tests, calling them clearly "provocative" acts.

America's strong stance against Iranian efforts to further arm itself should be viewed for what it is: the United States government ensuring the well-being of its citizens.

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## We Put Your Mind to Work!



21 Graduate Programs  
Available in  
Management  
Education  
Health Sciences  
Psychology

Office of Graduate and Continuing Education  
[worchester.edu/graduate](http://worchester.edu/graduate)



Only State College  
Named 6 Years in a Row!

Apply now for Fall 2010

The Graduate School  
WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE

THREE BROTHERS  
Pizza & Grill

Show your  
College ID to get  
20% OFF  
Your Entire Order

Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

Now accepting CAT Scratch

Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt  
coke product and dozen wings

\$24.99

Not to be combined with any other offer

[www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com](http://www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com)

973 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Colchester, VT

802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075

Open Seven Days a Week:  
Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri- Sat 11a-10pm



## THE UNDERGRAD GOURMET



MICHAEL MALEK

## Bulgur? I hardly know her!

When I told my suitemates I was making Tabbouleh (Tah-boo-leh), I was met with an astounding and unanimous, "What the hell is Tubyulay?"

Disappointed, I explained.

A salad made of chopped parsley, onion, mint, tomatoes and bulgur wheat, Tabbouleh is very common in Southern Europe and the Middle East.

Its exact origin depends on whom you ask.

My dad's side of the family insisted it came from Ancient Egypt, but tell that to a Lebanese or Syrian person and they might openly mock your ignorance.

This particular recipe is attributed to the Lebanese, who rightly take pride in this tabbouleh incarnation.

To feed four generously, you'll need the following:

- 1/4 cup bulgur wheat
- 1-2 bunches parsley
- 1 bunch green onion
- 2 large tomatoes
- 2 sprigs of mint
- 3 lemons
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil
- A sharp knife
- 1 large, 1 medium and 1 small bowl
- A large spoon

Rinse the tomatoes, parsley, mint and onions.

Pour the bulgur into the medium bowl and slice one lemon in half. Squeeze the juice of both halves into the wheat and stir.

Dice both tomatoes with your knife — the sharper the better — into small cubes no bigger than a stamp.

Toss all the tomato cubes into the wheat along with as much of the leaked tomato juice as possible and stir.

Add a tablespoon of oil. The bulgur should be slowly getting wetter and mushier as the ingredients mix.

Grab your parsley and, with both hands, try to hold the parsley tightly together.

Leave one hand at the tip of the leafy side of the parsley rope, allowing half an inch of parsley to sneak out. Cut off that half inch.

Repeat all the way down to when the leaves thin and all you have left are green sticks. Throw out the sticks.

Repeat the process with the green onions, but reserve the white roots, instead of the green leaves — the first 2-3 inches should do, chopped into thin discs.

Check if the bulgur is soft; it should have the hardness of al dente pasta.

If it is, mix the wheat, tomato, parsley and onion in a bowl.

Garnish with mint leaves and use the remaining lemon juice and olive oil as dressing.

## Vermont is falling for apples

### Orchards gain notoriety for apple pressing

HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Middlebury College sophomore Izzy Shill displays an apple at Windfall Orchards during an Oct. 2 apple picking and pressing.

By Rachel Bowker  
Cynic Correspondent

It's that time of year again.

Fall in Vermont means beautiful foliage, crisp cool air and, of course, apples — lots of apples.

It's the season for apple picking, apple cider, apple pies and apple farmers.

UVM's Amy Trubek, a professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, contributes to the abundance with her own heirloom orchard.

Trubek and her husband own Windfall Orchards, an organic apple orchard near Middlebury College that boasts 200 trees with 80 varieties.

When they first bought the property, Trubek said it wasn't a planned commercial venture.

"It was sort of a big hobby," Trubek said.

Her husband, who has a background in horticulture and gardening, thought bringing the orchard back would be a great challenge, she said.

The orchard requires serious annual attention in order to be a success. Maintaining an organic apple orchard takes effort, since Trubek said it's difficult to avoid using at least some type of pesticide.

As far as an economic investment, apples aren't such a bad idea.

"[The crops] are really hearty," she said.

"Basically, there are apples that are better for eating out of hand, apples that are better for baking with and then apples for

cider," Trubek said.

Windfall Orchards is only one of many orchards that press and make their own cider.

"There are lots of ways to make cider," she said. "How you do it depends on the scale of what you're pressing."

Larger farms use hydraulic methods, Trubek said. However, Windfall Orchards uses a hand-crank method.

The main principle of all apple pressing is grinding the fruit and then putting it in special pressurized fabric layers, which extract the juice, Trubek said.

Allenholm Farm also makes their own cider, but they use hydraulic methods, owner Ray Allen said.

"Apple pressing really isn't difficult," he said. "It just requires

the right equipment for the job."

The key to good cider is the right apple selection, he said.

Allenholm Farm has a store located in South Hero, according to their website, but Trubek's orchard sells cider and apples at various nearby locations.

"Most of our apples are sold at the farmers' market," she said. "They are sold to Middlebury College, Kitchen Table Bistro and American Flatbread."

Luckily for Vermont college students, these orchardists carry out their work every year.

"My memories of apple picking with my friends and family are priceless," UVM freshman Mariah Landry said. "What would fall be without them?"

## UVM club field hockey team tells all

### 2008-2009's club sport of the year advances as full members in the NFHL

By Tabatha Leahy  
Cynic Correspondent

After a long, excruciating week of tryouts, the UVM club field hockey team established a solid roster of about 25 women.

Club field hockey was recently reinstated in 2007 and, in a mere two seasons, was named the Club 2009 sport of the year by the student government association, President Meshia Begin said.

Field hockey started the year off strong. Begin said that about 60 women tried out — more than UVM has seen in a long time.

"This season will mark our first year as full members in the National Field Hockey League, as

opposed to last year when UVM field hockey players were only listed as honorary members," Begin said.

Extra benefits come with the team's official connection to the league. "Being full-time members allows the team to partake in more games this year than usual," Vice President Heather Czaplá said.

"We have seven scheduled games including Middlebury, who is UVM's, and our, favorite rival."

Czaplá and Begin are both determined and believe they have what it takes to make the playoffs.

"Seeing our club progress through the years is something that Meshia and I take pride in among the rest of our senior members," Czaplá said.

The team has endured a lot over the past few years, according to Czaplá.

"Between bringing the sport back to UVM, fundraising and trying to entice people to join — it's been a lot of work," she said.

"We've brought the team back, and to a whole new level," Begin said.

Shelby Hinkle-Smith and Leon Lifschutz, UVM's club sports coordinators, helped the team grow throughout the trial of reviving the sport.

"They make the program," Begin said.

"Without them, the team would not be where it is today — they are great resources and mentors," Czaplá said.

The team is also involved in community service such as the Relay for Life.

"This will mark the third consecutive year UVM field hockey has participated in this event," Begin said.

"We want it to remain a tradition here at UVM," Czaplá said.

Determination also runs through the rest of the team's veins.

"As captains, we try to improve the skill level and dynamics on the team while making games and

practices fun and competitive," team captains Alli Kryzwanczyk and Janet Saltau said.

"We are looking forward to what is sure to be an exciting season."

Many of the girls have been with the team since it was first revived, but that means graduation is on their horizon.

When Begin and 10 other team members graduate this spring, Czaplá will become the new women's field hockey club president.

"I've been a member of this club for three years and I look forward to taking over as president," Czaplá said. "I am excited to see where next year will bring us."

Even with the graduation of Begin and the team's other seniors, Begin has no fear for the team's future.

"The team will do great things and I have complete confidence in Heather's ability to lead this team next year," Begin said. "I'm really excited to see where it all goes."



## SPOTLIGHT

# Memory equals music for local rock quartet

In Memory of Pluto recalls their Burlington roots



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Left to right: Ryan McGrath, Zach Jandl, Seth Gallant and Billy Jandl talk before a practice last Wednesday night. The band recently returned from touring with their album "1994" and is now working on writing new material.

By Dan Suder  
Cynic Correspondent

Burlington-based band In Memory of Pluto describes their origin as "a quintet of sock-obsessed aliens playing rock and roll and trying to get home."

They evolved quickly. "[Our schtick] wasn't even that cool," Zach Jandl said. They decided to take themselves seriously.

The band, formed in 2007, consists of two brothers and three of their friends they found at St. Michael's College.

"[After college,] we turned into a bunch of kids who wanted to engage in some really serious music making," Jandl said.

The band continues to evolve, dropping an electric mandolin, switching vocalists and, recently, losing a guitarist due to a move.

At a recent practice, the band was at a crossroads.

"The band is figuring out what to do and writing new songs," Billy Jandl, remaining guitarist and brother to Zach, said.

At their makeshift practice space inside of a storage unit, the band developed a new song.

Doubling as their new rhythm guitarist, lead singer Seth Gallant played backup to Billy's melodic riffs, while Zach and drummer Ryan McGrath provided a tight and talented rhythm section.

All four contributed to the untitled new song, collectively deciding on which bass riff to use and when Ryan ought to unleash some "boom booms" or "half-speed cowboys."

"The songwriting process is a long sequence of nobody getting what they want," Billy said.

After a bit of jamming, McGrath agreed that he liked

where the song was going.

In Memory of Pluto is currently writing new material, they said, and their EP "1994" is now out.

The shift from a five-member band to a quartet was sudden and came after a long period of touring — 93 shows in the past few years, which is a large amount for a small local group.

The band's feelings about tours are mixed, but are usually positive.

"Tour is like vacation and homelessness," Zach said.

Yet, the lead singer focused on positives of touring.

"No matter what happens on tour, the shows always make things right," Gallant said. "Even after sweaty, 100-degree nights spent sleeping in [the] van next to a prostitute and her van, music is worth it."

And, touring is more than chilling and playing.

"You come back from [tour] and you're better off from it," McGrath said.

In Burlington, they're happy to be part of a scene they helped create. When In Memory of Pluto began, rock bands played small venues and played alone.

Since then, more bands have emerged. The local bands, regardless of genre, played together and supported each other, Zach said.

When Zach gets an invitation to play, his first thoughts are whom can he help out and how he can make this show better.

It is this friendliness, along with the band's considerable talent, that ensures a bright future for In Memory of Pluto.

## theater review

# The Man delivers laughs in the second

By Jillian Chamberlin  
Cynic Correspondent

"Arms and the Man" is a "quasi-comedy" — it is light and produces chuckles instead of hearty laughs.

UVM Theatre's production of "Arms and the Man" almost makes it a comedy, but falls just short. The casting is great, but the acting is overdone at times and causes a small rift between the actors and their characters.

"Arms" tells the story of Raina, the engaged daughter of a military soldier who learns more than she could imagine by befriend an enemy soldier, Captain Bluntschli.

With Bluntschli's friendship, Raina begins to second-guess her heart — and an ironic tale of love and war begins.

During the 1885 Serbo-Bulgarian War, Bluntschli bursts through Raina's bedroom window and begs her to hide him.

Senior Matthew Trollinger plays Bluntschli, an overdramatic character that lacks depth. Yet, Trollinger keeps the audience rooting for Bluntschli from beginning to end with his energizing personality.

A highlight of the play comes at the beginning when Raina and her mother sneak Bluntschli out of the house. They disguise him in an old housecoat and engage in a quiet, hilarious conversation.

While the protagonist Raina is superficial, senior Anne Stauffer

makes the young woman likeable and funny in her naivety.

After the war, Sergius, Raina's conceited fiancé, returns to his wife-to-be, but also to flirt with his servant girl Louka. Senior Joshua Clarke plays the over-indulgent suitor well in an exaggerated fashion. Like a child, his mood changes quickly and he needs to

be babied by the women.

Louka, played by junior Allison Brown, is the true diamond in the play. She provides a level of character depth that is unparalleled — her sarcasm and wit provide comic relief as well.

The crux of the plot depicts the sarcastic tone of the play excellently. As the story reaches its climax, a simple sword fight resolves the dramatic emotional conflicts between characters.

The play's artistic elements are fantastic. The forest scene backdrop is mystical and mysterious, only brought out by the lighting, which manipulates the time of day and the mood well.

In contrast to the improving acting quality, the set becomes less cohesive as the show moves into the second. While most of the furniture looks antique and works well together in the room, the second half of the play features modern furniture that isn't cohesive with the rest of the sets.

Overall, "Arms and the Man" is witty and satirical, featuring a cast that transports the audience to a romanticized vision of love.

But the romanticized vision of love itself is inherently sarcastic as it is resolved by sword fight.

As Raina points out in the play, "Arms and the Man" is like watching "grown-up babies."



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic  
Senior Matthew Trollinger as Bluntschli at a dress rehearsal on Sept. 29.

09-10 Flynn Season

MainStage

SHOW UVM ID and SAVE 50%\*

Queen of Afro-Peruvian Soul  
**Eva Ayllón**

Saturday, October 17 at 8 pm  
www.flynncenter.org

Sponsored by HANSON Investment Management

Presented in association with the Office of the Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs through the UVM President's Initiative for Diversity

Media support from north country public radio

\*Offer good on the top two ticket prices. All tickets are available.

MainStage

Punch Brothers  
featuring Chris Thile of Nickel Creek

Sunday, October 18 at 7 pm  
www.flynncenter.org

American Routes Series Sponsor

Co-presented by

Media support from

"To call the 27-year-old mandolin virtuoso Chris Thile the Les Paul of his instrument describes only one aspect of a musician who could just as rightly be compared to a great classical guitarist." —New York Times

153 Main St., Burlington, VT • 802.863.5966 v/relay  
www.flynncenter.org or call 86-flynn today!



A stylized black and white illustration. The top half of the image is filled with a dense pattern of overlapping circles of various sizes, representing foliage or a forest canopy. Below this, several dark, slender tree trunks rise from a horizontal line. The trees have sparse, dark, circular leaves. In the lower half of the image, two dark silhouettes of figures are running. The figure on the left is smaller and appears to be a child, running towards the right. The figure on the right is larger and appears to be an adult, also running towards the right. The background is a light, solid color.

SA CONCERTS  
presents

**Fall Fest**  
featuring

**of Montreal**

October 10 • Patrick Gym  
\$15 College Students  
\$25 Public  
Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm



## Sudoku

## Easy

						2		8
9	2				4			
			2		8		7	1
	3	6						
			7		9			
						6	4	
8	6		4		1			
			9				2	7
2		9						

## Hard

2		5			7			6
4			9	6			2	
				8			4	5
9	8			7	4			
5	7		8		2		6	9
			6	3			5	7
7	5			2				
	6			5	1			2
3			4			5		8

## Word Search

L O N G E R N I G H T S N A A U C N  
T O R U E S T U N Y R O K C I H R I  
M S O A Y Q E N I S I A O T R W O K  
R C Y H N E U V S T E R F H E O P P  
C E A A C G K I A S N O A A B R S M  
K N D N D S E R N E D S R N M C O U  
S C Y L N R G L U O L P M K E E C P  
Q R A K E I E R E T X G I S V R T S  
U Y D T M A N T S A E F N G O A O E  
A D Y D S I V G R T V S G I N C B P  
S N R N G Y W E H O E E N V W S E T  
H I E L P P A E S P H A S I V O R E  
B W T Y L L I H C T E S P N R F L M  
F T S E V R A H Y E L O I G C R E B  
A A U H A L L O W E E N E F I O S E  
A F L S E V A E L W O L L E Y S L R  
L O B L W E C H E S T N U T S T R D

ACORN

APPLE

BIRD MIGRATION

BLOWING LEAVES

BLUSTERY DAY

CANNING

CHESTNUTS

CHILLY

COLD

CROPS

EQUINOX

FALL

FARMING

FEAST

FROST

HALLOWEEN

HARVEST

HAYSTACK

HICKORY NUTS

LONGER NIGHTS

NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

ORANGE LEAVES

PIE

PUMPKIN

RAKE

RED LEAVES

SCARECROW

SCHOOL

SEASON

SEPTEMBER

SHORTER DAYS

SQUASH

SWEET POTATOES

THANKSGIVING

TURKEY

WINDY

YELLOW LEAVES

THE  
REAL  
WORLD  
24 OPEN  
CASTING  
CALL!

WHEN:  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH  
10AM TO 5PM

WHERE:  
RI-RA IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT  
123 CHURCH ST.  
BURLINGTON, VT 05401

BRING:  
A PHOTO I.D. & RECENT PHOTO

FOR MORE INFO VISIT  
WWW.BUNIM-MURRAY.COM



? HIV ?  
**STD** ?  
 ? CDC  
 ? HPV  
 ? IUD ?  
**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
**WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.**

Planned Parenthood  
 National Network

DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!

1-800-230-PLAN | www.ppn.org | www.facebook.com/ppnne

## Mac Sales and Service

APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop  
 technician - repairs, upgrades etc.  
 Networks, wireless installation +  
 support. Sales of pre-owned Apple  
 laptops, desktops and much more.

Service of PC's as well.

Baha Computer Works, 200 Main street,  
 Burlington. bahacomputerworks.com

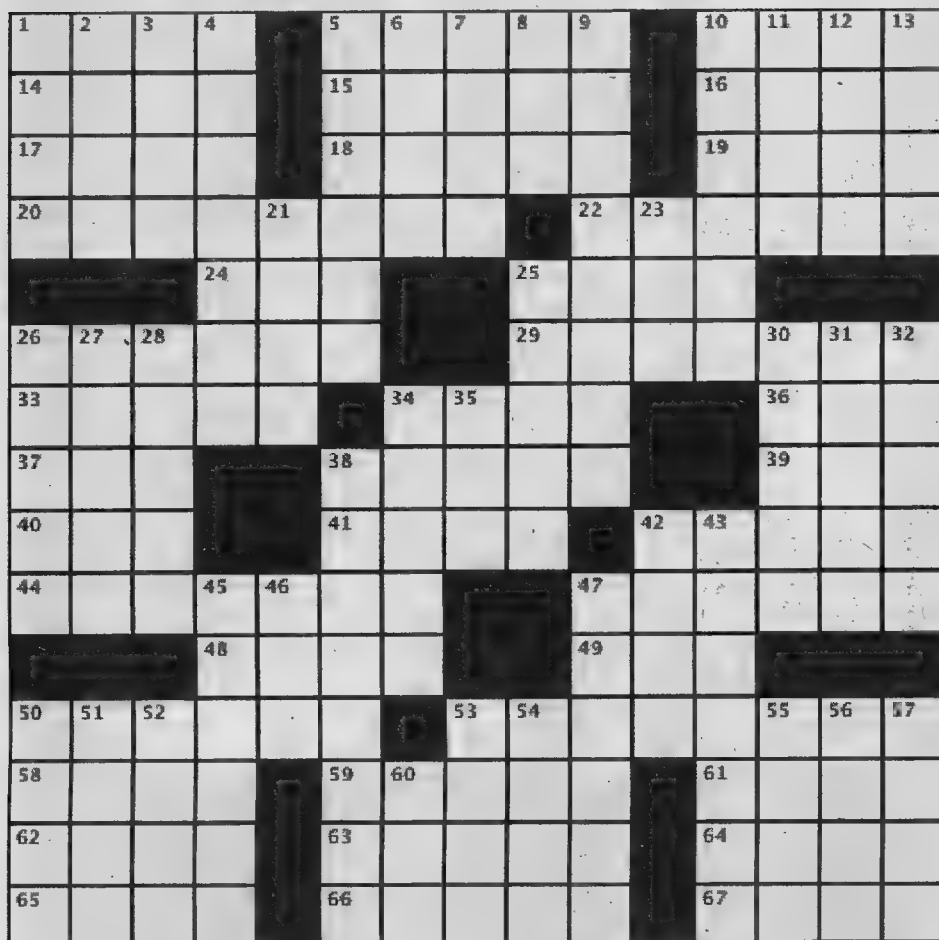
-baha@madriver.com

802.279.8756, 802.657.3933



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## Across

- 1- Gradual  
5- Subway turner  
10- Describes a gently cooked steak  
14- Stringed instrument  
15- Staggering  
16- "East of Eden"

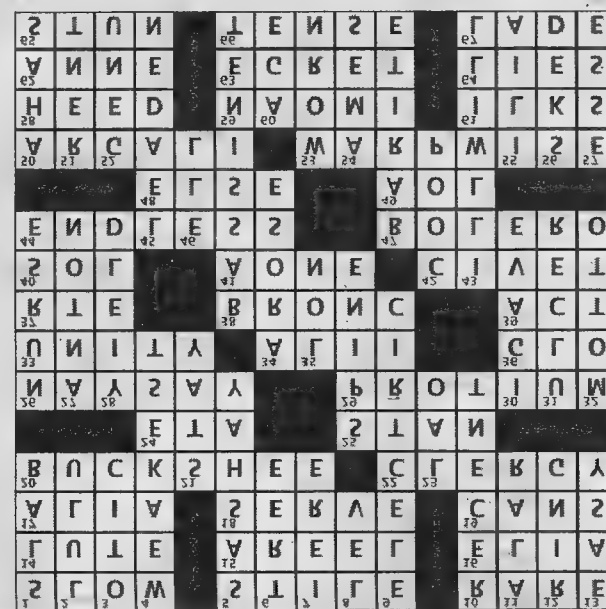
- director Kazan  
17- Inter \_\_\_\_  
18- Open a tennis match  
19- Metal containers  
20- Small bribe  
22- Ordained persons  
24- 7th letter of the Greek alphabet  
25- Ollie's partner  
26- Oppose  
29- Common isotope of hydrogen  
33- Oneness  
34- Et \_\_\_\_  
36- Day-\_\_\_\_  
37- Hwy.  
38- Rodeo horse  
39- Perform in a play  
40- Impresario Hurok

- 41- Bang-up  
42- Catlike Asian carnivore  
44- Incessant  
47- Lively Spanish dance  
48- Additional  
49- "You've got mail" co.  
50- Wild sheep of Asia  
53- Lengthwise  
58- Have regard  
59- Model Campbell  
61- Sorts  
62- Actress Heche  
63- Everglades bird  
64- Falsehoods  
65- Astound  
66- Keyed up  
67- Fill with cargo  
12- Circular band  
13- New Orleans is The Big \_\_\_\_  
21- Remain  
23- Philosopher \_\_\_\_-tzu  
25- Thorn  
26- Suckle  
27- Composer Bruckner  
28- Give up  
30- \_\_\_\_ at the office  
31- Stomach woe  
32- Maxim  
34- "\_\_\_\_ by any other name..."  
35- Actor Chaney  
38- Baby's cradle  
42- Poultry enclosure  
43- Enmity

- 45- Heavy  
46- Building add-on  
47- Mineral used as a weighting agent  
50- Cries of discovery  
51- 1996 Tony-winning musical  
52- Knee  
53- Threadbare  
54- Iowa city  
55- Bones found in the hip  
56- Timetable, for short  
57- "\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)  
60- Candle count  
62- Exec's degree

## Down

- 1- Thick slice  
2- Corker  
3- Auricular  
4- Most feeble  
5- Walk nonchalantly  
6- Corner  
7- Able was \_\_\_\_  
8- Monetary unit of Bulgaria  
9- Charged  
10- Of late occurrence  
11- Banned apple spray



Michael Crew, 2d Lt, USAF  
U.S. Air Force Pilot Candidate

Political Science Major



Air Force ROTC cadets get exposure to over 180 officer career fields, allowing them to choose the job that best fits their personal goals and aspirations. Find out where your skills will take you...

802-485-2732

afrotc@norwich.edu

# UVM STUDENTS CAN JOIN!

Get paid & receive scholarship money  
Secure a career before graduation  
Become an Air Force Officer

Air Force ROTC Detachment 867 at Norwich University has opened the door for UVM students to join its program. Students take only one Air Force ROTC class per week at Norwich University while completing their UVM degree.

ALL MAJORS may apply for scholarships.

Express Scholarships are available for:

Electric Engineering Majors  
Computer Engineering Majors  
Civil Engineering Majors  
Environmental Engineering Majors  
Nursing Majors  
Chinese Language Majors

See if you qualify — Contact us!



10.6-10.11

wed

MEN'S SOCCER  
@ HARTFORD  
7 p.m.  
West Hartford,  
Conn.

thurs

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
@ BOSTON U  
7 p.m.  
Boston

fri

SWIMMING @  
ARMY, STONY  
BROOK, BOSTON  
COLLEGE  
4 p.m.  
West Point, N.Y.

WOMEN'S  
HOCKEY VS.  
UNION  
7 p.m.  
Gutterson  
Fieldhouse

MEN'S HOCKEY  
@ DENVER  
9:30 p.m.  
Denver

sat

CROSS COUNTRY  
- NEW ENGLAND  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
12 p.m.  
Boston

FIELD HOCKEY VS.  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
1 p.m.  
Moulton Winder  
Field

WOMEN'S HOCKEY  
VS. UNION  
4 p.m.  
Gutterson Fieldhouse

MEN'S HOCKEY  
@ DENVER  
9 p.m.  
Denver

sun

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
VS. STONY BROOK  
1 p.m.  
Centennial Field



## CYNIC NFL PICKS

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer

### New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins - Pick Jets

Are you ready for some football? The Jets probably will be, but the Dolphins definitely are not. The Jets hold the lead in the AFC East with a new philosophy on defense and a rookie quarterback on offense.

Unfortunately for the Dolphins, their quarterback is done for the season and they are

having trouble winning games. No way that changes on this Monday night game.

### Indianapolis Colts vs. Tennessee Titans - Pick Colts

The last time these two divisional rivals played was at the end of last season, and, with both teams playoff bound, they decided to rest the starters.

The ending? A 23-0 Indy blowout.

With the Titans struggling to start the season, don't be surprised if it's another victory for the Colts in this Sunday night match-up.

### New England Patriots vs. Denver Broncos - Pick Patriots

Who would have thought that, after all the turmoil the Broncos went through in the off-season, they would turn out this good to start the season? Who would have thought they'd be winning games, not with rookie head coach Josh McDaniels's

spread offense, but with solid defensive play, allowing the least amount of points through the first three games of the season?

All said and done, I think the Pats are finally getting themselves into gear and back to their championship ways and will spoil McDaniels's attempt at trying to beat his former team.

### Houston Texans vs. Arizona Cardinals - Pick Cardinals

The Cardinals are coming off a bye-week where they had time to ponder their embarrassing loss at home at the hands of the Indianapolis Colts.

With some of the best wide receivers in the league playing in this game, expect a lot of passes. But since the Cards have not one, but two great receivers — Boldin and Fitzgerald — they will win.

### Atlanta Falcons vs. San Francisco '49ers - Pick Falcons

The Falcons are another

team coming off a bye where they were beaten at home, and are looking for a strong rebound, and unfortunately for the 49ers, they're in the way.

With Frank Gore being doubtful for this game, it's tough to go with the '9ers in this one. They'll give the Falcons a run for their money, but the birds will pull out the win in the end.

### Cincinnati Bengals vs. Baltimore Ravens - Pick Ravens

Does this divisional game actually have some meaning to it? Surprisingly, yes. With the Steelers floundering at the start of this season, the solid Ravens and the better-than-expected Bengals have a chance at securing themselves at the top of the division with a win.

But what has carried the Bengals through September was Cedric Benson and their running game. When they go up against the Ravens' number one rush D, they will have a hard time winning.

## Sports Shorts

By Nichole Galle  
Cynic Correspondent

### Viktor Stalberg gets roster spot

Who could forget Viktor Stalberg? The former UVM hockey player led the team with 46 points last year and is looking to do the same thing this season for Toronto.

Stalberg led the Toronto Maple Leafs in goals during the preseason. With this performance, he was able to clutch a spot on the 23-man roster.

He made his NHL debut on Oct. 1, notching an assist against the Montreal Canadiens.



SCOTT PELLER | The Vermont Cynic

### Women's field hockey falls to Dartmouth

Vermont opened the game with a goal by senior Chelsea Stevenson in the first 10 minutes. Only four minutes later, Dartmouth was able to get on the board, bringing the game to a 1-1 tie.

After intermission, the Catamounts were able to grasp the lead once again with a goal by junior midfielder Brittanie Booker. But Vermont was unable to keep the lead.

Dartmouth got another goal, with eight minutes left in the game, bringing the game into overtime.

The first overtime remained scoreless. In the end, Dartmouth was able to get one last goal in the second overtime for the win.

This loss brings the field hockey team to 1-9 this season.

### Men's cross country ranked in regional poll

The men's cross country team was recently ranked 15th in a regional poll by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

UVM is one of only three America East teams to be ranked in the Northeast region.

The Catamounts placed second as a team in their past two races.

Senior Doug Maisey led the team throughout both races, coming in as runner-up for each.

The cross country team will host the America East Cross Country Championship on Oct. 31 at the Catamount Family Center in Williston.

## Scoreboard

### 9/27/2009 Women's Soccer

Albany — 1, Vermont — 1 (2OT)  
Things weren't looking so great for the Catamounts when Albany had the lead at halftime.

However, the Cats scored at the 75-minute mark, bringing the game to OT.

Neither team was able to score during the two overtimes.

### 9/30/09 Men's Soccer

Dartmouth — 3, Vermont — 1  
With two goals before halftime, Dartmouth didn't give Vermont much hope to come back.

After scoring a third goal, Dartmouth secured the win, but Vermont got on the board at the 74-minute mark with a goal off of a free kick.

### Field Hockey

Dartmouth — 3, Vermont — 2 (2OT)

Both teams tallied two goals in regulation time, bringing the game into overtime.

The first overtime went scoreless, but in the second overtime, Dartmouth was able to score and obtain the win.

### 10/3/2009 Men's Soccer

Vermont — 3, #18 UMBC — 1

Senior forward Marty Galvin scored two goals, while adding an assist, as the Cats beat undefeated UMBC for their first win.

# THE BEAST LOVES FRESHMEN.

The Beast of the East is ready for you this winter. With more than 100 après ski and restaurant options, the famous Killington Road nightlife, Collegiate Snowfest in January and a mountain known for its pipe and parks, including the Burton Stash, Killington is the place for college students this winter. The College Pass is valid for all full-time undergraduate and graduate students all season with no blackout dates (certain requirements apply).

COLLEGE SEASON PASS  
Only \$329\*



KILLINGTON.COM/COLLEGE  
800.621.MTNS

\*Does not include applicable taxes. Restrictions apply. Go to [www.killington.com/college](http://www.killington.com/college) for complete details.





ANDRE MALERBA | The Vermont Cynic

Former Catamount Viktor Stalberg (18) celebrates after a successful Vermont shot on goal in one of last year's games against Hockey East rival Boston University. The men's hockey team opened the 2009-2010 campaign with a loss this past Sunday in a non-conference game against New Brunswick.

# Ice hockey returning to "The Gut"

**by Diana Giunta** The UVM men's and women's hockey teams are starting off the 2009-2010 season with very different focuses and expectations. Though their struggles will be notably different, both teams are confident in the adjustments they made from last year and the players they have to make those adjustments come to life on the ice.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

Coming off a Frozen Four appearance last year, the men's hockey team has high expectations this season. Though they are hungry to get back to the top, they will have to overcome the loss of several key players to get there.

"Probably our biggest challenge this year is to focus on what's important now," head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "I was proud of the fact that we were able to contribute to our rich tradition here known as Vermont hockey, but at the same time, this is a new journey."

A huge difficulty in moving on to a new season is the loss of standout forward Viktor Stalberg, who signed an NHL contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs and recently earned a roster spot for the 2009 season.

Stalberg was the team's leading scorer last year and was the fourth player in UVM history to be a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, given each year to the best player in college hockey.

Stalberg left UVM after his junior year to sign with Toronto. Sneddon said that he is happy for Stalberg's early success in the NHL and feels Stalberg and Torrey Mitchell — a former Catamount hockey captain now playing for the San Jose Sharks — have made the right decision.

"I don't have a problem with it at all when you see the success they are having with it immediately," Sneddon said. "They made the right decision, as tough as it was."

for the full story, see [WWW.VERMONTCYNIC.COM](http://WWW.VERMONTCYNIC.COM)

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The women's hockey team finished up last season with an 8-25-1 overall record and a 5-15-1 record in Hockey East and were picked to finish seventh in Hockey East this season in the Hockey East's Preseason Coaches Poll.

Though the team did not make the playoffs last year, they have high hopes for the upcoming season.

To help them along the way, the team is welcoming new associate head coach Grant Kimball.

Kimball comes to UVM from the University of North Dakota, where he was an assistant coach for two years.

The team returns 18 players from last year, including the majority of their leading scorers.

"We're very excited about the senior group this year and the juniors behind them," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "As a group, we have more experience with the systems we're trying to abide by game in and game out."

The team has typically brought in large recruiting classes each year, but has shifted this year to a small class of only four freshmen.

"It's a smaller, tighter, more of a family type of feel," Bothwell said. "It was a conscious choice by us."

The team's main goal this year is to make their first-ever postseason appearance. Bothwell said they plan to do this by focusing on defensive.

"It's a real focus this year to block more shots, limit more scoring opportunities," Bothwell said.

for the full story, see [WWW.VERMONTCYNIC.COM](http://WWW.VERMONTCYNIC.COM)

# Members of men's lacrosse team facing legal trouble

Five charged with underage drinking, women's hockey player injured at Sept. 6 house party

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

Five players from the University of Vermont's men's lacrosse team have been charged with underage drinking at a party on Sept. 6 that was broken up by police at 239 1/2 Main St.

Twenty-year-olds Max Gradinger, Christopher Hall and Geogrey Worley as well as 21-year-olds Harris Middel and Liam Thomas hosted the 70- to 100-person party, according to a Vermont Department of Liquor Control (VDLC) press release.

The hosts claim the party

started between 7 and 8 p.m., with two kegs.

The release stated that the Burlington Police made contact with the residents to discuss ordinance issues on Sept. 5.

This did not prevent the party from occurring the following night.

Sophomore women's hockey player Channing Ahbe was among those in attendance as well as those that fled the scene upon the police's arrival.

"After police had broken up the party, Ahbe attempted to take a shortcut home through a quarry and fell after attempting

to climb some rocks," the release stated.

Abhe sustained serious injuries to her tailbone and pelvis, the release stated.

A sophomore forward, she appeared in 24 games last season.

"Chan's tireless work ethic and energy provide us with an ingredient essential to every team," head coach Tim Bothwell said.

Given the seriousness of Abhe's incident and the prior warning, the department issued citations for each resident to appear in the Chittenden

Country Court, the VLDC said.

Worley and Hall are standouts on the lacrosse team, both statically and academically.

Worley, a redshirt-sophomore, was second on the team in scoring last year with 38 points and third on the team with 18 goals.

Hall, a junior, was on the 2007-2008 America East Academic Honor Roll.

The University's Athletic Communications declined to comment.





LIFE

Magnolia Bistro brings local magic and flair to Burlington.

ARTS

Fleming exhibit showcases Napoleon's legacy in Egypt

ONLINE

Great pumpkin race in Lake Champlain makes waves for charity

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, October 20, 2009 | Volume 124, Number 5 | Burlington, Vermont

## Students demand more veggie options

By Stephanie Cesario  
Cynic Correspondent

With over 2,000 signatures, vegan and vegetarian students are taking their vegan initiative to the administration.

Working with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), members of Students for True Animal Rights (STAR) gathered thousands of signatures in support of animal-friendly food on campus.

STAR, led by undergraduate student Wingyin Lo, teamed up with peta2, the youth sector of PETA.

"STAR got an e-mail from peta2 saying that the organization was campaigning around the U.S. and that they would help us with whatever cause our group wants to focus on," Lo said.

Senior Ryan Huling, the peta2 college coordinator, emphasizes the importance of helping college students' voices be heard.

Huling provided literature, stickers and recipes to help STAR spread awareness.

STAR and peta2 said that a large percentage of the college population is supportive of more vegan options.

Huling pointed to a 2004 survey done by Aramark, a worldwide dining service company, which showed that out of 100,000 students, one in four are seeking vegan options, with reasons ranging from animal cruelty to the environment to personal health.

"I am not a vegetarian, but if I were one I would have a hard time finding a balanced diet right now on campus. I would not want to turn to salads every day for a healthy, vegetarian option," freshman Kaitlin Lee said.

Melissa Zelazny, the general manager of UVM University Dining Services, said she is receptive of STAR's efforts.

"We just need to hear about specific needs that we are not meeting, things like extended vegan station hours. It is difficult to implement things when the petitioning is broad," Zelazny said.

PETA and STAR said they want items such as garden veggie chicken strips and soy cheese available across campus.

see VEGAN on page 2

## Details of research initiative spark debate among faculty

### "Spires of excellence" creates controversy despite promise of nation-wide recognition

By Claire Eaton  
Asst. News Editor

The administration's recently announced "spires of excellence" research initiative has been met with resistance by faculty members expressing concern for budget models and program structure.

Eight professors wrote an open letter in opposition to the plan on Oct. 8, applauding the concept, but taking issue with the "process, timeline, and absence of analyses."

On Oct. 2, UVM announced that it is planning to launch the research initiative in an attempt to solidify the University's status as a cutting-edge research center and to ensure enrollment of the most academically talented students.

The initiative is scheduled for implementation during fiscal year 2011 and involves investments in eight different categories.

During a UVM Today interview with Provost Jane Knodell and Vice President for Research and Graduate Study Domenico Grasso, Grasso said that allocation of University funds

will be used to make investments in "spires of excellence," or world-class programs within transdisciplinary topic areas.

Grasso referenced the success Stanford University had with a similar program.

"Stanford utilized a spires of excellence strategy when it went from being a regional school to an internationally renowned institution in the last century," Grasso said. "They implemented strategic phased growth and investment, and they became great."

Knodell said that this type of research is important because much of today's interesting intellectual work is occurring beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries.

She also said that the initiative will allow UVM to more actively compete

see SPIRES on page 2



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

## Clean Energy Fund continues climate commitment

### UVM committee seeks to create a more sustainable campus environment

By Claire Eaton  
Asst. News Editor

Although Sierra Magazine ranks UVM as one of America's top 10 greenest schools, UVM's Office of Sustainability says that campus energy efficiency could be improved.

The few sources of renewable energy production currently on campus are limited to a few scattered solar panels and a residential-size wind turbine on Central Campus.

These technologies are meant to act as symbols of sustainable potential and to spark curiosity among the UVM community, Mieke Ozeki, coordinator of the Office of Sustainability Program,

said.

"The clean energy technology we have on campus now can't even shave the peak energy consumption off one of the University's laboratories," Ozeki said.

The UVM Clean Energy Fund (CEF) is a relatively new committee—formed in the Spring of 2008—to help advocate green technology projects on campus that serve not only as sources of clean or renewable energy, but also as educational tools, according to the group's website.

The CEF is a student-centered committee of undergraduate, graduate, faculty, staff and alumni membership with the goal of creating and perpetuating a more-

sustainable campus, Ozeki said.

The committee is responsible

**"The clean energy technology we have on campus now can't even shave the peak energy consumption off one of the University's laboratories."**

Mieke Ozeki  
Program Coordinator

for reviewing clean energy project proposals that they receive from applicants in the UVM community, Ozeki said.

The group chooses projects that would best serve UVM's commitment to renewable energy production and votes on proposals to submit to Vice President of the Financial Administration Richard Cate for recommendation to the board, she said.

The CEF has recently announced that it is taking applications for proposals for the 2009-2010 academic year, the Office of Sustainability website said.

The fund is looking for

see COMMITTEE on page 2





MICHELLE LEFRANCOIS | The Vermont Cynic

## Marché faces continual theft

By Pat Tyler  
Cynic Correspondent

A swipe of an ID card makes purchasing food, drinks and supplies at UVM food stores quick and easy, but some students decide to take a more illegal route and bypass the checkout counter altogether.

Theft is an all-too-common occurrence, Bill Hackett, manager of the Marché, said. The losses from stolen items have a direct affect on how the Marché operates.

Hackett said that food theft could amount to as much as \$75,000 a year, with about three percent of the Marché's budget factored in to make up for it.

Hackettsaysthecompensation from theft has an effect on raising prices at the Marché and other stores. If theft went down, then prices might be able to go down as well.

Melissa Zelazny, the general manager of UVM University Dining Services, said that these budget adjustments are a necessary evil.

"If it's costing us more because people are taking the food, then at the end of the year we could be over our food budget and then we have to account for that," Zelazny said.

Zelazny said that the

University Marché is an easier target for theft because of the placement of entrances and checkout employees.

Marché heists are often committed by groups of students working as a group, Hackett said. Hackett noted that cell phones are sometimes incorporated into the thefts as well.

**"If it's costing us more because people are taking the food, then at the end of the year we could be over our food budget."**

Melissa Zelazny  
UVM University Dining  
Services general  
manager

"We know that one person will get up on the upper level and one will be down on the lower level and cell phone each other as to where people are," he said. "It's high tech stuff."

UVM University Dining Services Operations Director Ron Chasse has seen his fair share

of thefts. He recalled that when the Marché first opened eight years ago, a flat panel television was stolen out of the dining area overnight.

Chasse said that it's important for employees to deal fairly with students who are caught stealing and try to resolve things without unnecessary consequences.

Although theft rates in the Marché match that of off-campus stores, UVM is in a difficult position when it comes to dealing with students who are caught stealing. Their financial standing as students makes them difficult targets for prosecution.

Hackett said that the University is very reluctant to take punitive measures against a student who pays \$38,000 a year in tuition over a \$4 theft.

It is ultimately other UVM students who pay the price for their classmates' crimes, as the losses from theft are regained through tuition and student bills.

Hackett said that a few problematic students shouldn't overshadow the success of the Marché.

"It's a very positive experience," Hackett said. "For every one person who comes in here with a malicious thought in their head, 500 people come in here and have food and have a great time."

## SPIRES | Research initiatives cause controversy

...continued from page 1

for highly accredited faculty members and distinguished laboratories that are enticing for prospective undergraduates.

"We've been successful in hiring outstanding faculty members," Knodell said. "With greater focus, we'll be even more competitive for the very best people on the market in the areas in which we're building strength."

The "spires of excellence" proposal has been met with opposition from some UVM faculty.

A recent letter from the College of Arts and Science Planning and Budget Committee to University President Daniel Mark Fogel expressed concern.

The letter addressed issues including minimal faculty involvement in the program's planning process, lack of displayed market research and data, lack of information regarding the utility of said programs and issues

with the general timeline of the initiative.

"Given the economic crisis of last year and its predicted re-occurrence next year, we are deeply concerned about the financial plan for this initiative," the letter stated. "To date, no budget model has been put forth supporting such an ambitious initiative."

In an article issued by Jeff Wakefield of University Communications, Wakefield said that the University sent out a campuswide announcement inviting faculty members to nominate themselves to serve in one of the eight groups organized around broad topic areas ranging from biological sciences and engineering to policy studies.

"The first gesture towards faculty participation was just issued this week in the form of a call for self-nominations for working groups," the letter said.

"However, the call did not include the criteria for the nominees to the working groups

nor for the internal and external proposal selection committees."

According to Knodell, the initiative will be primarily funded through the strategic hiring process and the use of University dollars will be prioritized and aligned with the spires, possibly eliminating some programs, according to an article in *The Burlington Free Press*.

"The spires will also influence the proposals for external funding that we choose to support with matching funds," Grasso said.

Gary Derr, Vice President of Executive Operations and Chief of Staff, said that the redirection of funding for this initiative is not directly related to the administration's recently instated six percent tuition increase.

"The 'spires of excellence' initiative is trying to find a way to redirect resources — we don't expect a lot of new resources for it," he said.

The programs will be either approved or denied during April and May.

## Trash sort outlines waste

The third annual Davis Center Waste Sort — an event put on and run by UVM Recycling and Waste management along with UVM Eco-Reps — found the following in the Davis Center trash cans:

Amount of trash sampled: 435 lbs. (about one day's worth of trash)

Number of trash bags sampled: 70

Average weight of trash bags from building: 6.21 lbs

Material	Percent	Pounds
Recyclables found	18.1%	79.2
Compostables found	49.2%	214.5
Paper Coffee Cups	1.79%	7.8
Techno Trash	2.0%	9
All other trash	28.7%	125.2

Data courtesy of the UVM Recycling Office

## COMMITTEE | Greening UVM



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

...continued from page 1

projects to build and maintain "cost-effective renewable energy resources on campus," and has posted an application deadline of Nov. 15.

The CEF's resources come from a per-student fee of \$10 that is taken out of each semester's tuition, the website stated. This generates an annual revenue of about \$200,000 for the fund that is then partially allocated to individual projects in research, demonstration and development.

"The fund is really a drop in the bucket compared to other campus funds," Ozeki said. "We ask applicants to get matching grants from other organizations like the Vermont State Energy Fund and others."

Ozeki said that the fund

constraints are a huge obstacle when trying to put a project into production.

"Even after the initial building and maintenance fees, we have to go through risk management, city planning and also consider environmental and social factors," she said.

The CEF feels pressure from the Board of Trustees to "make prudent decisions," Ozeki said. The Board has the power to pull financial backing from the fund if they feel CEF is not utilizing its resources properly, she said.

The CEF will be accepting project applications for 2010 until November, at which time they will review the proposals and present them to the financial administration for approval.

## VEGAN | Students petition UVM

...continued from page 1

"A recent example was the University of Southern Florida, which gathered 3,500 signatures to present to their dining services department. The administration was shocked by the demand, and they now have new options in campus dining halls like vegetarian bacon, vegan chicken salad, and vegan soft serve,"

Huling said.

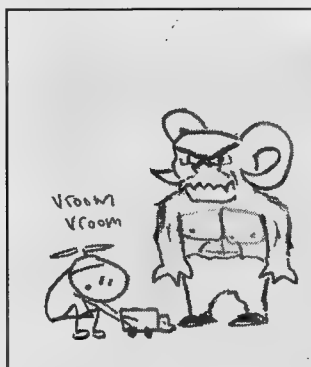
Huling says that schools can often run into the issue of a perceived lack of demand.

"But once we gather those thousands of petitioner's signatures it is more clear. It would be a big mistake for UVM to ignore one fifth of their student population who feel strongly about the issue," Huling said.



## CUT CLASSICS!

"Bad influence"



by Phil Zuckerman

## The Adventures of Joel &amp; Chris

by Andrew Becker



My panel broke and I fell out!

## NO GOOD REASON

by R.Valenti



How Was the Party?

Better than last time

## Start Your Career in Accounting.



## Northeastern's MS in Accounting/MBA for non-accounting majors:

- Earn two degrees in just 15 months.
- Complete a 3-month paid residency at a leading accounting firm.
- Proven track record of 100% job placement.

## Take the first step.

Visit us online or at an information session near you. Learn more about the program and upcoming events at [www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu).

617-373-3244  
[gspa@neu.edu](mailto:gspa@neu.edu)  
[www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu)

Northeastern University

THREE BROTHERS  
Pizza & Grill

Show your  
College ID to get  
20% OFF  
Your Entire Order

Excluding alcohol.  
 Not to be combined with any other offer.  
 Dine in and pick up only.  
 Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

Now accepting CAT Scratch

Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt  
 coke product and dozen wings

\$24.99

Not to be combined with any other offer

[www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com](http://www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com)

973 Roosevelt Hwy.

Colchester, VT

802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075

Open Seven Days a Week:

Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri-Sat 11a-10pm



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Art

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermينو  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brungsaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

Dining hall  
theft is a pain  
in our wallets

The recent exposure of theft on campus should be met with shock and concern.

According to UVM Marché Manager Bill Hackett, stolen food at the Marché and other dining facilities could amount to as much as \$75,000 a year.

Ever wonder why the prices at the Marché seem so high?

Well, a \$75,000 deficit doesn't exactly pay for itself.

The reality is that we pay for it out of our own pockets — increased prices and more fees in our tuition make up for the losses.

The minority of students that are stealing food hand off the consequences to the majority of law-abiding students.

And it's not just food that people are pilfering.

Even the mason jars at Brennan's and the plates and bowls from the Marketplace have been taken.

While dining facilities like the Marché are doing all that they can to prevent theft, it is important that students join in this effort, because at the end of the day, the money will come out of our pockets.

Students can help by encouraging friends not to steal items and they can notify Marché workers of any incidents they see.

Of course no one wants to be the one to get other students in trouble, but unless you're willing to prevent these incidents, you might as well just swipe for the person instead — either way, you pay for what they're taking.

Furthermore, Hackett made it clear that Marché staff is trained to deal with these incidents in a stern but respectful manner.

He explained that they understand the financial pressure that some students are under and that they don't want to humiliate any students.

The fact of the matter is that on-campus theft should not be an issue.

There should not be any students having to decide between stealing or going hungry.

If there are, these students need to contact Student Financial Services and the Dining Services so that they can get them an accommodating meal plan.

The University of Vermont is an institute of higher learning and with that comes higher values.

On the one hand, students should not be willing to lower themselves to the point of stealing — from anywhere, let alone our own institution.

On the other, students should not be content to let their fellow students go hungry.

We are a community, which means that we share our burdens.

As a community we need to work together to prevent theft instead of paying for it.



## COLUMNIST



KATELYN MOHEN

A policy  
worthy of  
reviewing

Tomorrow, I will bring my spork to the dining hall.

That's right, I said it. Tomorrow at 2 p.m. I will be at the Grundel enjoying a meal with my combination camping utensil.

School officials, take notice.

While I will certainly be using the small knife section of my spork to cut food rather than a classmate, I understand that it is fair to assume that I pose a threat to the student body by bringing my hazardous eating utensil to school.

Sound absurd?

While there may not be such a strict policy here at UVM, circumstances similar to the above scenario actually occur quite often in elementary schools

through high schools across the country.

Many education systems have implemented the Zero Tolerance Policy within their school systems over issues such as weapons, bullying, drugs and alcohol.

The policy, no matter the circumstance, requires that anyone caught violating its rules will be severely punished for their abuse.

This includes bringing knives of any type to school, even if it will be used merely to eat lunch.

Recently in Newark, Del., a six-year-old Cub Scout was caught excitedly using his folding fork, knife and spoon to eat with in the cafeteria at his elementary school.

Though the boy meant no harm by bringing in his utensil, the school treated the tool as a weapon that violates their Zero Tolerance Policy.

The child was suspended from the elementary school and ordered to spend 45 days in Newark's district reform school.

The situation is certainly outrageous and unfair.

However, school officials were only acting in accordance with the rules of Zero Tolerance — pass no judgment, reduce no punishments and do not by any means justify the circumstance.

As unfair as this boy's dilemma seems, I appreciate the intention behind Zero Tolerance.

It is crucial for school officials to provide a safe environment for their students.

Yet, it would be more effective to implement a school-wide policy in which those who jeopardize the security and well-being of fellow classmates be given fair consideration and punishment if found guilty for their misbehavior.

Zero Tolerance policies should be revoked.

Student violators and their cases should be reviewed and closely measured for their severity and intent before slapping any type of punishment on the adolescent.

Unfortunately for children like the Delaware Cub Scout, Zero Tolerance does not yet permit the chance for examination of the violator or the particular situation.

The Zero Tolerance Policy lacks justice and case deliberation. It forces violators unworthy of severe punishments into reform schools and other inappropriate sanctions.

It is time that the policy is replaced by a system more in line with our values and the rationality we claim to have.

Perhaps the "Genuine Consideration Policy" will do.

Katelyn Mohen is a freshman English major. She has been writing for *The Cynic* since fall 2009.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"I'm not a racist. I just don't believe in mixing the races that way. I have piles and piles of black friends. They come to my home, I marry them [to each other], they use my bathroom. I treat them just like everyone else."**

— KEITH BARDWELL, Louisiana justice of the peace who refused to marry an interracial couple, to the *Associated Press* on Oct. 15.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## Different Beck, still a big loser

For some people, politics is synonymous with boredom and personified by slow, graying men.

Their closest contact with it comes as they routinely flip past the barren stretch of political and news TV networks on their way to their intended destination.

These people are unfamiliar with Glenn Beck.

**But maybe what's most interesting about Beck is the fact that everyone, on the left and right, has felt obligated to respond to his growing influence.**

As America's reigning political dramatist, Glenn Beck has been known to yell, rant and — this is true — cry on his radio and TV shows.

His public and proud bipolarity has confounded more than a few critics.

What's most interesting about Beck is the fact that everyone, on the left and right, has felt obligated to respond to his growing influence.

They usually start with the difficult task of pinning him down — there are essentially three schools of thought on Beck.

The first is: he's your standard right-wing pundit, who's simply taken the vitriol and bitterness of talk radio to its logical and extreme conclusion. It's pretty basic.

The second school of thought is: Beck is at least partially disingenuous. He's simply found a very effective way to build his now \$20 million-a-year net worth.

Maybe he's even mocking his own fans with his over-the-top style.

Someday we'll find out he's a closet vegan who teaches colonial studies at his nearby college.

The final school of thought goes something like this: Glenn Beck is completely and totally insane.

Whichever view helps you understand this enigmatic figure, you can't ignore his large and growing influence as a challenger of liberal Washington.

He was a major force behind

the Tea Party Movement and maintains a large following with his 9-12 Project — an attempt to invoke memories of post-9/11 national unity for his own gain.

He's essentially become the figurehead of the populist backlash against the Obama administration.

He's playing the liberty card against liberals and it's working — and that's what's so hard to wrap your head around.

The way I see it, Beck is part of a broad movement to re-brand conservatives as the traditional protectors of liberty, to wrap the blanket of libertarianism around the entire conservative coalition.

It all started with Jonah Goldberg and his book "Liberal Fascism" that essentially argued that any action or enlargement of the state was inherently liberal.

Hence, fascists are liberals, not conservatives.

Beck has been deeply and explicitly influenced by Goldberg.

Mark Levin also played on the theme in his bestseller "Liberty and Tyranny," which made frequent use of the term "Statist."

The problem with these pundits is that they're not really committed and consistent libertarians — they're conservatives.

When you condone illegal wiretapping, the Patriot Act, extralegal torture, No Child Left Behind, Bush-era budget deficits and believe gay marriage should be illegal, you don't get to brand yourself as the defender of liberty against fascism.

But they will, so long as conservatives are wanting for inspiration. It may just work, but Beck may prove to be a double-edged sword.

Angry outbursts and faux tears don't win you many converts, which Glenn Beck and his followers have yet to figure out.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*



JEFF AYERS

## Animal cruelty falls short of the First

A law prohibiting video recordings of animals being "intentionally maimed, mutilated, tortured, wounded or killed" has the U.S. Supreme Court justices putting on their hypothetical hats and playing a round of the "what if" game.

The law was originally put on the books in 1999 as a direct response to gruesome "crush" videos where high heel-wearing women crushed small animals

with their stilettos.

The law hit center stage recently due to the conviction of a Virginia man for distributing dog fighting videos from Japan — where the practice is legal.

The U.S. Court of Appeals overturned his conviction, citing freedom of speech.

Unhappy with that result, the judicial branch decided it was time to bring in the big guns and called in the Supreme Court.

It was then that the hypothetical situations starting pouring out — each justice seems to have his or her own scenario.

Justice Antonin Scalia said, "What if I am an aficionado of bullfights and I think, contrary to the animal cruelty people, that they ennoble both beast and man?"

Justice Samuel Alito, however, seemed to express some of my own concerns in his hypothetical situation — he talked about the possibility of humans being killed and shown

for entertainment value.

"Live, pay per view, you know, on the Human Sacrifice Channel," Alito said.

In my opinion the law should remain just as it is written.

I know some may view this law as a slippery slope toward the impinging of First Amendment rights, but I don't.

As a whole, I trust in everyday American citizens to conduct themselves within the normal realms of decency.

But this law wasn't written with the everyday American in mind. It was written in direct response to a disturbing minority who takes pleasure in watching the crushing of small animals.

So I say keep the law as written, and if Scalia wants to see bullfights, he can fly to Spain.

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MAX KRIEGER

## Seeing past the powder

Outside of the Green Mountains, when someone says "Vermont," skiing is usually only one or two words away.

This stereotype is reinforced by the town of Stowe — only 45 minutes away from UVM.

Stowe has become one of the most sickeningly quaint and stereotypical ski towns in Vermont.

During the leaf and ski seasons, the town caters to rich flatlanders that want to experience the rugged landscape while sipping martinis at a five-

star resort.

Stowe used to be an actual mountain town, based on logging and milling, instead of a hollow façade.

It was founded in 1763, almost 30 years before Vermont became a state and well before tourism existed here.

Exactly 100 years later, the Mount Mansfield Hotel was built.

This behemoth, able to accommodate 450 people, was seen as the most pretentious hotel in Stowe and solidified the area as a haven for tourism.

From then on, Stowe steadily grew into the money machine we know it as today.

With no fewer than 30 hotels in a five-mile radius, Stowe can become one of the most highly populated areas in Vermont at the peak of ski season.

This incredible influx of people cuts both ways.

The town, and much of Vermont, is completely reliant on tourist dollars.

It feels at times like the Green Mountains have traded in their rustic charm for a snazzy logo and a new pair of skis.

If the residents of Stowe aren't driven away by the traffic,

they are forced away by the ever-rising property taxes.

The cost of living alone forced many out of their homes at the foot of the mountain.

Stowe isn't the only town in Vermont guilty of pandering to tourists.

The city of Burlington is also seen by many as a ski and tourism town. In fact, most of Vermont's economy is tourism-based.

It would be impossible to revert back to Vermont's pre-tourist age of logging and trapping, but the whole state shouldn't sell out completely, either.

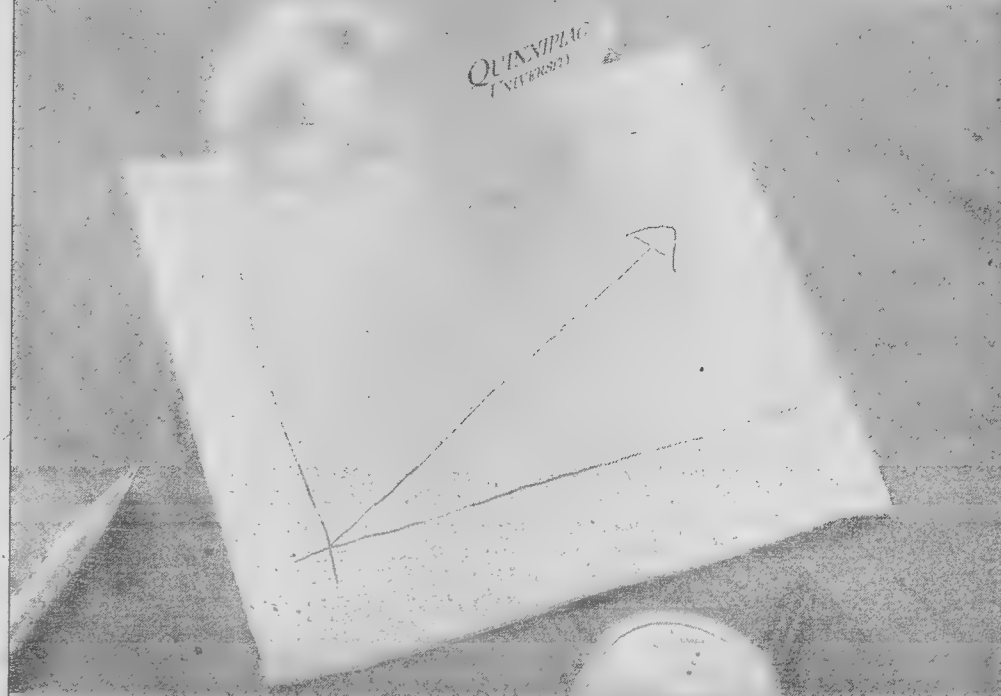
I ask everyone who visits or lives in this winter playground to take a harder look around.

Try some of the less touristy activities and get to know some of the people who call this place home.

It will soon become obvious that Vermont has so much more to offer than a \$400-a-night room and some fresh powder.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since Fall 2009.*

## THE ONLY THING GROWING FASTER THAN OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS IS OUR REPUTATION.



Biomedical Sciences  
Cardiovascular Perfusion  
Computer Information Systems  
Education – Elementary  
Education – Secondary  
Educational Leadership  
Interactive Communications  
Journalism  
Law  
MBA-CFA® Track (Chartered Financial Analyst)  
MBA/HCM (Health Care Management)  
MBA/SCM (Supply Chain Management)  
MBA/JD (Joint degree in business and law)  
Molecular & Cell Biology  
Nurse Practitioner  
Pathologists' Assistant  
Physician Assistant  
Public Relations  
Radiologist Assistant

Graduate Online Programs:  
Interactive Communication  
MBA  
Occupational Therapy (post-professional)  
Organizational Leadership

Learn more: [www.quinnipiac.edu/gradstudies](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/gradstudies)

Graduate Programs: [graduate@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:graduate@quinnipiac.edu)  
Graduate Online Programs: [quonlineadmissions@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:quonlineadmissions@quinnipiac.edu)  
Law School: [ladm@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:ladm@quinnipiac.edu)

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY  
1-800-462-1944 | Hamden, Connecticut



# When free speech comes with fine print

By Megan DeWaele  
Staff Writer

Wearing fur is evil. President Fogel is ruining UVM. Accepting Jesus is the only way to avoid Hell.

These are just a few of the opinions students at UVM are exposed to on campus.

In a January 2008 open letter to the UVM community, Fogel himself said that the University of Vermont, and universities in general, are seen as forums for stating and debating ideas and beliefs.

But do animal rights activists, students who disagree with University President Daniel Mark Fogel's policies, and extremist religious groups have the right to express their opinions on campus?

The short answer is: sometimes.

As a state-funded university, UVM follows policies similar to those of the government when considering free speech.

"UVM is different from, say, a private college like Middlebury," Ellen Andersen, associate political science professor, said. "It's a public university and follows what the government follows."

Essentially, neither Congress nor the University can restrict a student's speech just because they do not like it or do not agree with it.

Providing forums, however, is not something the University has a duty to do, Andersen said.

Because of this, there was no violation of free speech on campus when the University rescinded Ben Stein's commencement invitation to speak.

"There's nothing wrong with that," Andersen said. "Stein has made what can be called anti-Semitic comments and the faculty believed that commencement is an honor."

The University, like the government, can also regulate speech with regards to its "time, place or manner" in any given incident.

"Students have the right to endorse a candidate and can talk about it outside the

library, but they can't walk around the dorm at 4 a.m. with a bullhorn shouting who should be elected and why," Andersen said.

The particulars of time, place and manner are what got the students in trouble this past April as they staged a sit-in outside Fogel's office in Waterman, according to Andersen.

There are places people can protest, Andersen said, but the president's office does not qualify as such a place.

Andersen compares this situation to protesting at the White House: people picket outside the White House frequently, but it's a different matter when someone blocks the West Wing.

While some debate still lingers about the University's right to arrest the students, recent controversy has arisen over the sanctions now being imposed by the Center for Student Ethics and Standards (CSES) on these students.

The protesters were asked via e-mail by CSES to reflect on their actions "when the process of that expression [became] disruptive."

Students were also asked to reflect on what it means to be a member of the UVM community.

Sophomore Avery Pittman was one of the 33 students arrested in April.

She said that she is concerned that only four of the 33 students received the e-mail before the deadline.

"I got the second e-mail telling me the deadline had passed," Pittman said. "Their explanation was that it was a glitch."

The e-mail states that a student can choose to write an essay about the incident rather than facing harsher penalties. By choosing to do so, the student waives his or her right to a hearing.

Additionally, the student must also "accept full responsibility for the violations," according to the e-mail.

Students who choose not to write the essay

can choose to proceed with a formal hearing.

If students do choose the essay option and the administration is not satisfied with the results, the CSES reserves the right to have the student write the essay again, charge the student with a \$100 non-compliance fee, cancel all pre-registered classes and place a hold on their student account.

The e-mail also stated that the essay will "not be evaluated on its content," but that the student cannot use the essay to "justify your own actions."

These apparent contradictions have not sat well with many members of the UVM faculty.

Associate Political Science Professor Alec Ewald agrees that students arrested for the Waterman sit-in last spring should be held accountable for their actions, but does not approve of the sanctions created by CSES.

"There must be consequences," Ewald said, "otherwise it's not really disobedience."

However, some professors believe the particular sanctions created by the CSES seem to go against students' abilities to express their true opinions.

"I don't know what a student communicating honestly with the Center of Ethics, who believed her civil disobedience was the right course of action, would write in this essay," Ewald said. "It's a form of forced confession."

Ewald is not the only professor who feels the treatment of the students' rights in this matter was less than fair.

In an e-mail to Troy Hedrick, the assistant director of the Office of Student Ethics & Standards, Professor Garrison Nelson, of the political science department since 1968, stated that he was dismayed at the "heavy-handed letter" to protesting students.

Nelson suggested in his e-mail that UVM is already not an entirely hospitable place for the free exchange of ideas, and the sanctions "will only further diminish UVM's reputation in that regard."

There have to be consequences.  
Otherwise it's not really disobedience,  
it takes the bravery out of it.

Alec Ewald  
Political Science Assistant Professor

There are places people can protest,  
but the Presidents's office does not  
qualify as such a place.

Ellen Andersen  
Associate Political Science Professor





## THE UNDERGRAD GOURMET



MICHAEL MALEK

**Molto molto molto burro e formaggio**

Countless chefs throughout history have dedicated their lives to making the most diabolically delicious, ridiculously rich foods imaginable.

While it may be impossible to judge the tastiest dish in the world, pasta alfredo undoubtedly comes close.

When the Italian tradition of "doppio burro" or "double butter"—the process of buttering before and after pasta was placed in the plate—was seen as too conservative, an ingenious restaurateur in Rome, Alfredo di Lelio, launched his campaign against diets everywhere. Fettuccine alfredo was born.

All you need for a classy home-cooked dinner for two is:

- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 1/4 cup Romano or Emmental cheese
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 3-4 cloves of garlic
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 portions of fettuccine

Fill a pot with water and two pinches of salt. Set it on the stove to high heat. While the water boils, mince the garlic into slivers and grate the cheeses.

By the time you grate the 3/4 cup of cheese, the water should be boiling. Dump the fettuccine in the water and keep an eye on the clock—it will be ready in eight to 12 minutes.

Place the saucepan on the stove on medium heat and add the cream and butter, cutting the butter into 3-4 chunks. Once it melts, add the cheese and garlic—don't stop stirring!

As the cheese melts, the sauce should thicken in texture.

Continue stirring for five minutes, ensuring that the sauce has a uniform texture and has melted fully. Add the nutmeg and a few grinds of pepper and stir more.

Turn the heat to low, and check the pasta.

To see if the pasta is done, taste a noodle.

The consistency should be soft, until the noodle's center, which should hold out for a second before giving in to your chomp.

This level of pasta done-ness is called "al dente," which is Italian for "to the teeth."

Strain the fettuccine, dump it onto plates and drizzle the alfredo over the pasta generously.

Enjoy!

# Green eats: Magnolia Bistro strives for eco-friendliness

By Elizabeth Bruner  
Cynic Correspondent

The popular Magnolia Bistro buzzes with energy on a Friday morning.

Businessmen and women sit side by side with college students and locals, who enjoy a mostly organic and locally-sourced breakfast or lunch.

Magnolia strives to use Vermont ingredients as much as possible, but many patrons don't realize that the carpet they are sitting near is designed by a company that is Leadership in Environmental Design (LEED) certified or that they are using recycled glass jars to spoon ketchup all over their chipotle black bean and cheddar omelet, according to owner July Sanders.

Sanders is passionate about her work. Since first starting in the business at age 16, she has some insight into the restaurant industry.

"I've seen that a restaurant can be very wasteful," she said. "But I don't want to disregard an industry that I love, because the industry doesn't fit my values."

Now, at age 29, her downtown Burlington bistro strives to be as green as possible. In fact, Magnolia is recognized by the Green Restaurant Association (GRA) as a certified green operation.

The GRA is a national third-party certifier and, according to their website, a restaurant can easily produce 50,000 to 100,000 pounds of garbage each year.

Close to 95 percent of that waste consists of material that could be recycled or composted.

Sanders and her staff compost and recycle, in addition to taking various other green

measures.

"Everything in the restaurant has a thought behind it," she said. "We searched high and low for biodegradable paint thinner [and] the tables were made in Lyndon."

Even their food has an eco-consciousness.

"We try to get items that are as local as possible," Sanders said. "Our jam is locally made and we buy ketchup in bulk. It can be more expensive and more difficult, but it's a fun challenge for us."

From the servers walking by with cleaned plates and the pleasant atmosphere of the dining room, it's apparent that Magnolia's customers are happy.

"Their jam is really good," senior and environmental studies major Katie Carroll said.

Mary Seaman, senior and environmental science major, used a couple of positive words to describe her dining experience.

"Dank sauce," she said—aka really delicious.

Magnolia has certainly made a name for itself in Vermont.

Other local and national businesses called the restaurant asking for advice on how to green their services, Sanders said. "Many Burlington restaurants ... do a pretty good job [of being green]."

Sanders hopes that Magnolia will serve as a template for other local businesses.

"We went above and beyond to get the word out about green practices," she said.



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

The owners of Magnolia July Sanders (left) and Shannon Riley display two popular dishes outside the Burlington bistro.

## The classics for kids

By Jess Sanders  
Senior Staff Writer

There was a time when UVM classics professor Mark Usher preferred a hammer and chisel to his current paper and pen.

Now, with a few degrees under his belt, Usher has begun the unique task of turning the classics into children's books.

A former carpenter, Usher made a swift career change after a work-related incident resulted in his loss of an eye.

After the accident, he began full-time classes at UVM, and he pursued an undergraduate degree in classics, he said.

After graduation in 1992 and the completion of his Ph.D at Oregon's Willamette University, Usher said he chose to follow his creativity and take a stab at writing children's books.

He had always excelled in writing, classics professor Barbara Saylor-Rodgers said.

"Even at that time he was writing—in addition to really excellent research papers—poetry and other things," she said.

His most recent children's book, "Diogenes the Cynic," received praise from *The Chicago Tribune* and other UVM faculty.

"[The book] is about the

cynic philosopher Diogenes represented as an actual dog," Saylor-Rodgers said. "The word cynic derives from the Greek word for dog."

"He was called a dog by people who didn't like him so much, but he adopted [the name Cynic] as sort of a badge of honor as his moniker," Usher said.

The classics might seem too advanced to be inspiration for children's books, but Usher successfully translated the stories for a young audience.

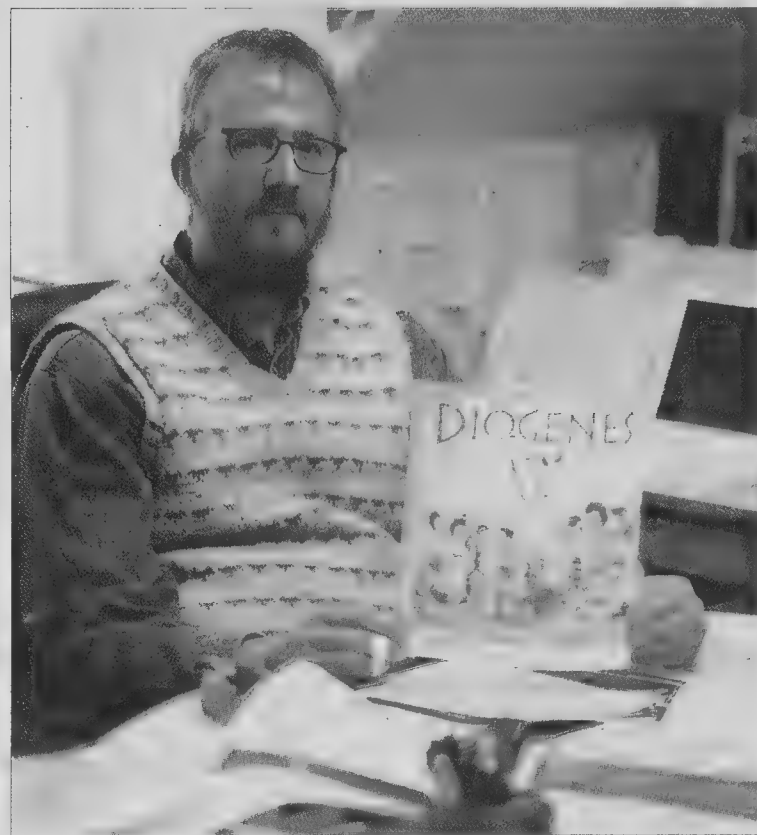
"I thought I could take Diogenes and make him literally a dog," Usher said. "I could get kids interested in him, and it works."

Usher wrote for children years before "Diogenes the Cynic," when he published his first children's book, "Wise Guy."

"I thought I'd just write it for my younger son—then I thought, maybe I'll send it to a publisher," Usher said. "It was published in 2005."

Usher's books take on difficult material about Greek characters and makes it interesting and easy to digest for kids.

"Why not attract students from when they are not even old enough to attend grade school and get them started about what is most important in life—the meaning of life itself," Saylor-



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Classics professor Mark Usher displays his newest children's book that features the Greek character Diogenes the dog.

Rodgers said.

Fellow classics professor John Franklin echoed Saylor-Rodgers.

"It is really great how Mark has demystified this material and made it accessible for a young audience," he said.

With another book on the way—a small children's Latin comedy-inspired novel called "The Golden Ass"—neither his teaching or writing career are slowing down.



# Navigating the Napoleonic influence on Egyptian art

By Katie Ida  
Asst. Features Editor

Literature and art fuse together in "Napoleon on the Nile" to tell the story of Napoleon Bonaparte's thwarted endeavor to add Egypt to his growing French empire.

The historical exhibit was brought to the Fleming Museum from the Dahesh Museum of Art in New York City by Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Aimee Marcereau DeGalan.

The exhibit showcases the multi-volume "Description de l'Égypte," an influential publication, one of which is housed in the Special Collections of the Bailey/Howe Library.

Completed in 1829, the "Description" is the work of Bonaparte's savants, manager of collections and exhibitions for the Fleming Museum Margaret Tamulonis said.

Paintings, maps, documents and artifacts, some from the "Description," line the walls of the museum.

As a whole, the exhibit delves into culture, perception and imperialism, exuding a mystique that once surrounded Egyptian culture.

At the time, the volumes of the "Description" showcased a renewed interest in Egyptian culture.

Napoleon was the first to uncover then unfamiliar information about Egypt in "Description."

The then modern fascination with Egypt developed out of an interest in the unknown, senior Nathan Levine said.

The exhibit examines multiple aspects of Napoleon and the Egyptian campaign through the mediums of oil painting, architectural drafts and literature.

"It's about the developing perception of Egypt due to Napoleon's work," Tamulonis said.

Speeches from Napoleon addressing his soldiers, newspaper articles from *The Connecticut Current* and revealing British caricatures of Napoleon's propaganda examine

the Egyptian campaign from all angles.

In the exhibit, English caricaturist James Gillray dissected Bonaparte's propaganda.

The caricatures glossed over his failures — making them appear as great triumphs — and mocked Napoleon and the Egyptian expedition as a whole.

According to the Fleming, Gillray's "Seige de la colonne de Pompée; Science in the Pillory" is perhaps one of his most famous caricatures. It playfully depicts Bonaparte's savants and surveyors trapped by natives atop a column in Cairo.

The paintings included in the exhibit are Orientalist art, or imitations of Eastern culture by Western artists, Tamulonis said.

Such perceptions are seen throughout the various paintings, ranging from images of relaxing Egyptian royalty to snake charmers and laborers.

The exhibit illustrates the interaction between military powers, artistic ability and the rich culture of Egypt with a wide range of historical and artistic components.

Napoleon on the Nile is showing in the East gallery of the Fleming Museum until Dec. 18.

Illustration by A. Virmani

## Creative lit mag spotlights local artists, writers

By Julia L. Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

In Burlington's lively arts scene, writing and literary arts journal *est* provides a grassroots outlet for local artists and writers.

Started last December by artist Heather Bischoff and writer and senior Taylor Sacco, *est* both presents their own work and acts as an outlet for other local artists and writers.

"We kind of came to the realization that it'd be pretty easy to combine our powers and put something out ourselves," Sacco said.

"And then also to give other people who have difficulty getting their stuff recognized — to give them an outlet."

In a city keen on supporting local people, *est* fits right in.

"People are into local food — this is local art," reader Woody Sacco said.

Published quarterly, the second, improved issue of *est* has just been released.

Bischoff and Sacco hope that the magazine will continue to evolve in the future.

"All the money that we made from the last one we saved and put into this one. That's kind of

the idea — to save the money and make every issue better than the last one," Sacco said.

Although Bischoff and Sacco have a general idea about how they want *est* to look, the content often depends on what people submit.

"That's probably the most fun thing about it ... it kind of gets spelled out as we go along," Sacco said.

Featuring predominately writing, this issue of *est* also features photography, drawings and even a tear-out centerfold from a New York graffiti artist.

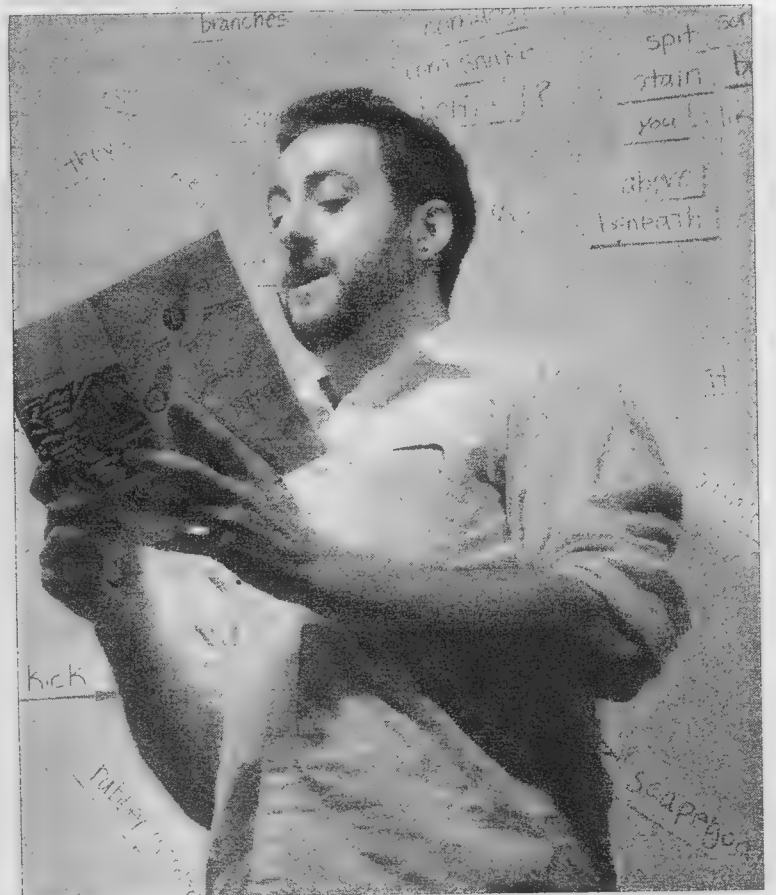
Created by artists and writers for artists and writers, *est* has a certain personal vibe to it.

"It's so refreshing to see it happening grassroots," reader Angie Mae Lizotte said. "They sew it together themselves."

For creative people wishing to get their work out there, the structure of *est* makes the process of getting published easy and pleasant.

"It's a fun, intimate, local way of doing it," contributing writer Adam Schill said.

Bischoff and Sacco embrace the local, personal nature of *est*, hoping people will find it unimposing and perhaps inspire them to submit work of



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Taylor Sacco, 23, of Burlington hosts the *est* lit mag opening party. The party was held to celebrate the publishing of the literary/visual art journal and to share its contents.

their own.

"The fact that it's a lot of local people who aren't famous or have never been published in any way is cool," Sacco said.

If a writer picks up this hand-bound publication and they see people who are passionate about making it, a writer might try to do the same thing, he said.

Aiming to make *est* a kind of open forum, Bischoff and Sacco are open to submissions from anybody.

To submit work to *est*, e-mail [estpress@gmail.com](mailto:estpress@gmail.com) with your name, basic information and what you'd like to submit.

"It's all about the writing," Sacco said. "We don't want to make it bureaucratic in any way" *est* is sold at Boutilliers and Speaking Volumes in downtown Burlington and in Shelburne.

Each issue is \$8 and can also be purchased on the magazine's website: [www.bishproductions.org/est](http://www.bishproductions.org/est).

10.20-10.26

tues

CHURCH  
SESSIONS  
11 PM  
Fiddlers

wed

SILVERSMITHS  
CAGETIE ELEPHANT  
8 PM  
Higher Ground  
Bulwark

thurs

ARTIST TALK: ADRIAN  
ESTREVA (HEAVY  
BOOK ARTIST)  
5 PM  
Museum of Art

MASON, WILSON  
WASH  
Higher Ground  
Bulwark

fr

LAMELLO  
CONCERT VETER  
JAMES KEYBOARD  
ARTIST  
10 PM  
Higher Ground

Sat

DEVIL MIGHT  
CONCERT VETER  
NORMAN  
LIVE WITH A  
HORN BAND  
10 PM  
Higher Ground

VERMONT  
COUNTRY  
FESTIVAL  
MASSIVE  
JAM  
8 PM  
Fiddlers



# CALENDAR

**oct 20: fat talk free week**

**6.00pm, L/L fireplace lounge**

**oct 21: the ghost hunter**

**8.00pm, memorial lounge**

**oct 22: live comedy: erin jackson**

**8.30pm, brennan's**

**oct 23: nightmare vermont**

**7.00pm, dc oval, \$4**

**oct 24: saturday night movie**

**harry potter & the half-blood prince**

**8.00pm & 11pm, billings**

**uvm.edu/bored**



# Easy

4	7		9		1	6		5
	2		3				8	4
								1
	1	4	7		8		5	
6			2		3			9
	3		6		5	8	1	
8								
5	9				4		2	
7		1	5		2		9	8

# Hard

	4		1	3				8
					5	6		
							7	3
			6	1				
8								4
			5	2				
7	1							
		8	4					
2				9	6		5	

# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
16					17				18			
19				20					21		22	
			23						24		25	
	26	27				28		29				30
31				32			33		34			35
36			37		38			39		40		
41				42		43			44		45	
	46				47			48		49		
		50						51				
52	53			54		55	56	57		58	59	60
61			62		63					64		
65					66					67		
68						69				70		

## Across

- 1- Some nest eggs
- 5- Japanese honorific
- 8- Hammett hound
- 12- Small particle
- 13- Pilfer
- 15- Nae sayer?
- 16- Env. notation
- 17- Poker Flat chronicler
- 18- Asian prince
- 19- City in SE

Tennessee

- 22- DDE's command
- 23- CD-\_\_\_
- 24- Antiquing agent
- 26- Like the Everglades
- 29- Vulgarly
- 31- Spring mo.
- 32- Brag
- 34- Hackneyed
- 36- Crux
- 38- Musical drama
- 40- Formicary residents

41- Ribbons

- 43- Mountain spinach
- 45- ER VIP
- 46- Village in E Egypt
- 48- Instrument used in combat
- 50- Reformer Jacob
- 51- Paving material
- 52- \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
- 54- Involved with theology
- 61- In addition to

- 63- Roof overhangs
- 64- Director Ephron
- 65- Hog sound
- 66- Fend (off)
- 67- Suffragist Carrie
- 68- I did it!
- 69- Artful
- 70- Additional

## Down

- 1- Apple product
- 2- Portnoy's creator
- 3- \_\_\_ boy!
- 4- Nissan model
- 5- Ollie's partner
- 6- Dynamic beginning
- 7- Defense grp. since 1949
- 8- Charge
- 9- Sportive
- 10- Exactly
- 11- \_\_\_ extra cost
- 13- Cleansing preparation
- 14- Juridical
- 20- Grave
- 21- A long time
- 25- I could \_\_\_ horse!
- 26- Talk
- 27- Comprehensive
- 28- Aquatic opossum
- 29- Dry stalks
- 30- Singer John
- 31- Invoice abbr.
- 33- Sun. talk
- 35- Computer key
- 37- Actress Hatcher
- 39- Vinegary
- 42- Agitated state
- 44- Dutch name of The Hague
- 47- Barbecue leftovers?
- 49- Son of the sovereign
- 52- Small blemish
- 53- Inter \_\_\_
- 55- Chow
- 56- Egg-shaped
- 57- Tax
- 58- Carbonized fuel
- 59- Collective word for intellectual pursuits
- 60- After the bell
- 62- Jamaican popular music

1	В	Д	В		2	Г	А		3	Е	Г	З	Е			
4	И	И	К		5	Л	А	Е		6	С	В	Л	Т		
7	Г	У		8	Е	В	А	Е	2		И	О	В	А		
9	2	3		10	1	Н	Е	О	Г	О	С	А	Г			
11		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	К	В	И	А	У	К		М	Е	В	Ь	О	И			
18	Л	Ь	Е		19	2	О	В	У	С	Н		Д	О	С	
21	М	Е	Л		22	3	О	Б	Е	У		И	Л	2		
23	Ь	Ь		24	5	О	В	У	2	1	2	Л	А	Г	Е	
26		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	С	Н	А	Л		22	И	В	О	О	С	А		Е	Л	О
26	А	Л	Л	И	Н	А	В	Л	Е		14	К	Н	А	И	
29	М	О	Л	Е		3	Л	Е	В	Г		18	С	О	Л	
32	Л	К	У	2		7	А	И			12	А	В	Л	У	

## Mac Sales and Service

APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc. Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more. Service of PC's as well.

Baha Computer Works, 200 Main street, Burlington. [bahacomputerworks.com](http://bahacomputerworks.com)  
-baha@madriver.com

802.279.8756, 802.657.3933

## the end is hear.

Introducing Endtone's disconnect tone application for the BlackBerry!

For a limited time, get our app for **FREE** by simply typing the following link in your BlackBerry browser:  
<http://122.168.194.184:8080/endpoint/endpoint.html>

We invite you to view our short demonstration. It's a great way to see and hear all of the disconnect tone app benefits. Please go to YouTube and search on "endtone."

[www.endtone.com](http://www.endtone.com)  
202.498.9222

**endtone**

Free app only applies to the following BlackBerry models: Storm 9500, Curve 8900 and 8330, Bold 9000 and the 8820.

? **STD** ? **HIV** ?  
? **CDC** ? **HPV** ?  
? **IUD** ?

Funded in part by Title X

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

 **Planned Parenthood**  
of Northern New England

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

1-800-231-PLAN

[www.ppnor.org](http://www.ppnor.org)



[www.facebook.com/ppnor](http://www.facebook.com/ppnor)



# Sports shorts

By Erik Worden

## Women's soccer falls to UNH

UVM falls to 1-10-3 after a 3-0 shut out against the UNH Wildcats.

UNH scored the first of three goals against UVM in the 14th minute on a well-placed corner kick cross to Morgan Keefe.

After the first half, UNH put in two more goals, one in the 57th minute, the next in the 72nd.

UVM ends their season with three away games, the next against Dartmouth and the following at Binghamton.

## Catamounts attend Lacrosse For a Cure

The Catamounts were among 11 teams last week to compete in the Catamount Classic Lacrosse For a Cure, held at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Mass.

The tournament, which is in its second year, amassed more than 3,000 fans and numerous sponsors who made contributions to support the Dana Faber and Jimmy foundations.

Among monetary donations, the Catamounts also provided signed T-shirts and lacrosse sticks to both charities.

Other teams at the tournament included Adelphi, Albany, Bentley, Colgate, Holy Cross, Le Moyne, Massachusetts, Robert Morris, Siena and Western New England.

## UVM vs. BC sold out

UVM's Gutterson Fieldhouse is known for two things: league leading hockey and chronic sold out games.

Gutterson once again had a packed house for a conference game against No. 12 Boston College.

Currently, there are approximately 10,000 UVM undergraduate students and only one section — in a 3,335 occupancy arena — for students, which contributes to these frequent sell outs.

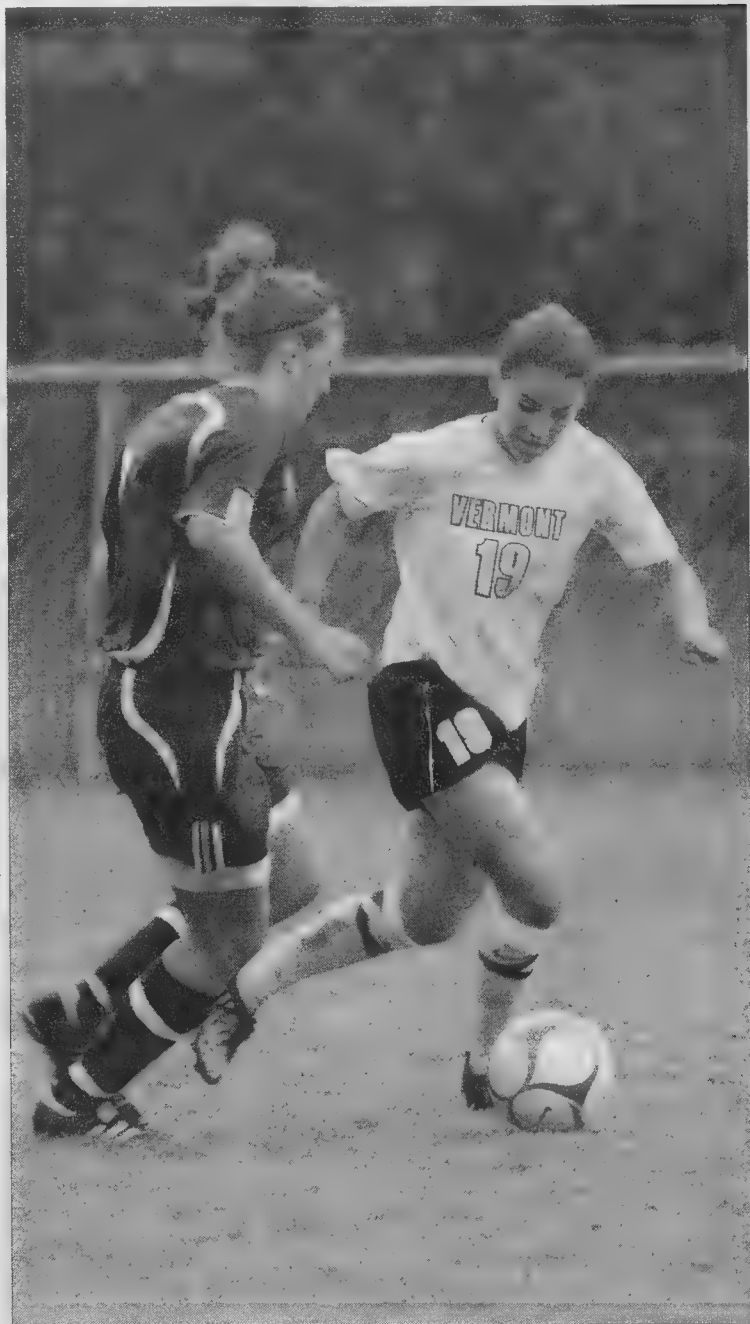
UVM moved up to 11th in the USCHO rankings after beating top-ranked Denver.

## Basketball's Catamount tip off set for Oct. 24

TD Bank will present the 2009 Catamount Tip-off for men's and women's basketball on Oct. 24, a ceremonial season opener held annually.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, and will be \$5 each. Each team will play a 20-minute intra-squad scrimmage, as well as a 10-minute co-ed scrimmage.

Also, there will be performances by the UVM dance team and three-point contests.



**BRYANT HUGHES** | The Vermont Cynic: Freshman Megan Rozumalski (19) controls the ball in Thursday's 3-0 loss to New Hampshire. The Lady Cats will likely need to win the remainder of their conference games to make the playoffs.

# Lady Cats blanked by UNH 3-0 before their bye-week

Team is fighting to finish in the top six in the A-East, clinging to playoff hopes

By John Butler  
Staff Writer

The Vermont Catamounts women's soccer team saw its chances of making the America East Tournament begin to slip away after last Thursday's game against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

"Now we are just fighting for five and six," Head Coach Kwame Lloyd said about the tournament spots. "We have a bye weekend so UNH just got some points and are going to jump over us — we have to now attack and go after Binghamton and Hartford."

The game looked evenly matched throughout the first half, with UNH scoring only one goal in the 14th minute.

Then, in the second half, the Wildcats put on the pressure and netted two more shots against the Catamounts, while their goalie blocked every UVM shot attempt.

"I thought we gave up soft goals, and you have to give it to UNH. They came to play," Lloyd said. "The second goal they scored was very nice and the other two seemed like miscommunications or poor judgment."

With a final score of 3-0 in favor of UNH, the Cats lost a tough one — this being their last home game of the season.

The top six teams of the regular season standings in America East make it to the tournament. Vermont, 1-3-2 on the season, is looking to win the rest of the games in order to make the playoffs.

With Tuesday's game against Dartmouth, the Catamounts will try to extend the depth of their team by playing some younger players.

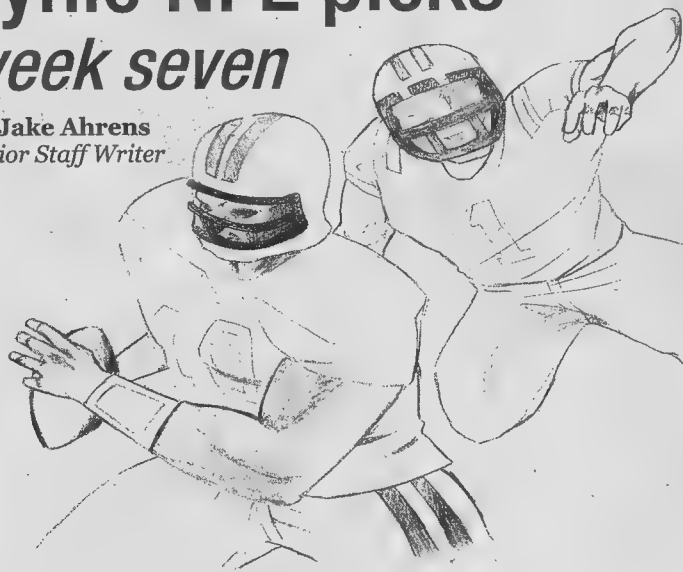
"We are looking at Dartmouth as a game where we can supply a lot of our younger players," Lloyd said. "We have to gain some confidence in that game. The conference has done fairly well against them — they haven't really blown out anybody in our conference."

The matchup versus Dartmouth will get the Catamounts ready for Thursday's test against Binghamton — a formidable foe in America East and their last regular game of the season in Hartford.

With some success in the next few games, the game against Hartford might not be their last this fall.

# Cynic NFL picks week seven

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



**Philadelphia Eagles vs. Washington Redskins**  
*Pick: Eagles*

This Monday night game does not look too appealing. The Redskins are arguably the worst team in the league, giving the Lions their first win in two seasons.

The Eagles are arguably the best, averaging more than 30 points per game on offense, so don't be surprised if it turns into a blowout.

**Minnesota Vikings vs. Pittsburgh Steelers**  
*Pick: Steelers*

The Vikings travel to Pittsburgh, away from the safe, warm atmosphere of the Metrodome, to the windy, hostile environment that is

Heinz Field. The Steelers are undefeated at home, and have lost only three games there over the past three seasons.

The Steelers win with the elements in this one.

**Atlanta Falcons vs. Dallas Cowboys**  
*Pick: Falcons*

This season for the Cowboys, it has been a tale of two halves. They struggled mightily in the first half, only to turn it on in the second — as evident of their 10-3 halftime deficit to the Chiefs two weeks ago, only to finish winning in overtime, outscoring the Chiefs 23-10 in the remainder of the game.

Against the Falcons, they will need to play a full game,

and I don't see that happening from the inconsistent Boys.

**Chicago Bears vs. Cincinnati Bengals**  
*Pick: Bengals*

I'm not really sure how the Bengals are winning games. Their quarterback, Carson Palmer, has a QB rating of 76.9 going into week six, which ranks him 24th in the league, their feature back is Cedric Benson, the supposed bust from Texas and you would be hard-pressed to find a Pro Bowl player on their defense.

Somehow, somehow, they are winning games and I'm guessing this trend will continue as the Bengals host the struggling Bears.

**Arizona Cardinals vs. New York Giants**  
*Pick: Giants*

All signs are pointing to the Giants in this Sunday night match up.

This is a home game for the Giants in Jersey and the Cardinals have only won once in the East in the last five seasons, which was this year to the lowly Jaguars.

Last season when these two teams met, the Giants put up 37 points in the victory.

The Cardinals have the worst ranked pass defense and the Giants have Eli Manning — who is at the top of the league's pass rating, behind his older brother.



Cynic Archives

# LADY CATS | Confident on the ice

...continued from page 12

message resonating from the locker room of the Lady Cats: it's playoffs or bust — no excuses.

"We are expecting to be in the playoffs, definitely," Bothwell said. "We are going to kick, scratch and battle and that's what we are all thinking right now and we want to be playing in March. That's every hockey team's goal and that's ours for sure."

The goal is obvious, but the road to that goal will not be easy in the slightest. The Lady Cats have to battle through a Hockey East Schedule that boasts some of the best competition in the country, including top 10 teams Boston College, New Hampshire and Boston University.

Despite the difficult road ahead, the Lady Cats are off to a strong start, hoping that this year they will finally break through that ever-elusive postseason door and into the playoffs for the very first time in the program's history.



## ← last week

### Men's Hockey 10/10

**Vermont 6, Denver 4**  
Senior Brayden Irwin scored two goals as Vermont beat a #1 ranked team for the first time in five years.

### Women's Hockey 10/10

**Vermont 4, Union 1**  
Four different players scored for the Catamounts, who remained unbeaten after the victory.

### Field Hockey 10/10

**New Hampshire 3, Vermont 1**  
Sophomore Sarah Becque scored her first career goal but two second half goals by UNH gave Vermont their 12th loss of the season.

### Women's Soccer 10/11

**Vermont 0, Stony Brook 2**  
Vermont fell to 1-9-3 overall and 1-2-2 in the conference after the loss. The team had a hard time on the offensive end against the Sea Wolves, who are undefeated in the conference.

### Men's Soccer 10/14

**Vermont 0, Albany 0 (2OT)**  
Vermont remained unbeaten in the America East at 1-0-2 and are in strong position to make a playoff run.

### Women's Soccer 10/15

**New Hampshire 3, Vermont 0**  
The Lady Cats were shutout for their second straight game and now are now in danger of missing the America East playoffs.

### Women's Hockey 10/16

**Vermont 4, Clarkson 1**  
The Cats beat the highest ranked team in program history by taking down #4 Clarkson. Four different players scored in the game.

### Tuesday 10/20

**Women's Soccer @ Dartmouth**  
6 p.m. Hanover, N.H.

### Wednesday 10/21

**Men's Soccer @ Stony Brook**  
7 p.m. Stony Brook, N.Y.

### Thursday 10/22

**Women's Soccer @ Binghamton**  
7 p.m. Vestal, N.Y.

### Friday 10/23

**Men's Hockey @ Merrimack**  
7 p.m. North Andover, Mass. - Lawler Arena

**Women's Hockey vs. Princeton**  
7 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

### Saturday 10/24

**Women's Basketball - Catamount Tipoff**  
12 p.m. Patrick Gym

**Men's Soccer vs. Binghamton**  
1 p.m. Centennial Field

**Swimming vs. Siena**  
2 p.m. Forbush Natatorium

**Women's Hockey vs. Princeton**  
4 p.m. Gutterson Field House

### Sunday 10/25

**Field Hockey vs. Columbia**  
2 p.m. Mouton Winder Field

**Women's Soccer @ Hartford**  
2 p.m. West Hartford, Conn.



Cynic Archives

Former star Viktor Stalberg fights for the puck in a game from last season. This year's roster features a familiar name. Sebastian Stalberg, the younger brother of former star Victor Stalberg, looks to continue what his brother started.

## The Stalberg legacy continues at UVM

By Diana Giunta & Nikki Galle  
Asst. Sports Editor & Staff Writer

No need to worry, there is still a Stalberg on the UVM men's hockey team.

With Viktor Stalberg off to the Toronto Maple Leafs, his younger brother Sebastian joined the Catamounts for the 2009-2010 season.

The younger Stalberg comes to UVM from the Frolunda Indians hockey team in Sweden.

Although the mileage that separates Sweden and Vermont is extensive, Stalberg had been considering UVM ever since his older brother decided to enroll.

"It felt like the perfect way to go because there aren't a lot of possibilities in Sweden to get an education and play hockey," Stalberg said. "Vermont has always been the first choice for me."

Now that Sebastian made the decision to come to UVM, he will

have to adjust to the differences from Sweden.

Stalberg said that this season is going well so far, though Vermont is very different from home.

"Everyone has been very helpful and tries to help me adjust to the lifestyle," Stalberg said. "It's a little hard to keep up with the language here in the beginning, but it's getting easier and easier."

Stalberg will also have to carve out his own identity on the ice and on the team separate from being Viktor's younger brother.

Head coach Kevin Sneddon said that he wants Stalberg to know that he has already accomplished this by being a different hockey player.

"The first thing we wanted to make Sebastian aware of, was the fact that we were recruiting him because of his skills and abilities and not because he was Viktor's brother," he said. "Sebastian is a different style player than Viktor and we really liked how he played

the game."

Though the elder Stalberg is no longer with the Catamounts, there are always questions about his new role on the Maple Leafs. Sebastian said that he does not mind answering these questions

**"We were recruiting [Stalberg] because of his skills and abilities and not because he was Viktor's brother."**

Kevin Sneddon

Head coach of the men's hockey team

about his brother.

"I'm very happy about his success," he said. "It's just fun to hear good things about him."

With three games down in the

2009 season, Sebastian already recorded an assist and is adjusting quite well to the Catamount style of hockey.

"It's a big difference in practices compared to what I'm used to back home, but I feel like I am getting better each day," Stalberg said.

"I think Sebastian, as well as all of our freshmen, has done a remarkable job of adjusting to college hockey," Sneddon said.

"We are extremely pleased with Sebastian's contributions to date and look forward to his continued growth as a student-athlete here at UVM," he said.

Though the season is still young, Stalberg is confident in the team's potential to be strong in the games to come.

"I really feel like we have a great team that can go all the way this year," Stalberg said. "We are getting better and better as each day goes by."

## Lady Cats are ready to rack up wins

The team returns over 90 percent of its scoring from last season

By Will Andreyckak  
Staff Writer

Coming into the 2009-2010 season, the players on the women's hockey team all had the same goal and expectation. In one simple word: playoffs.

The Lady Cats are looking for their first berth ever in the D-1 playoffs and began their long journey to the playoffs

with an easy sweep over the Union College Dutchwomen, starting the season 2-0.

"We definitely are planning on clinching the playoffs this year, so we want to start off on a good note and now we can take this positive momentum forward with us," senior forward Celeste Doucet said.

At this point of the year, head coach Tim Bothwell is happy about the progression of his experienced and tough team but recognizes the need for improvement in some areas if the Lady Cats plan on making the postseason.

"We still have to clean up our power play, our decision making and how we think ourselves through it all," Bothwell said.

The lack of production on the power play was an issue last year and was a concern coming into this season.

Despite the need for improvement on the power play,



DAMIR ALISA | The Vermont Cynic

Assistant captain Peggy Wakeham skates past center ice against Wayne State last season. The forward is a top returning scorer.

players on the team feel pleased with the progression thus far.

"We definitely feel good about where we are right now. We have a high expectation level that will build with every

game," junior Teddy Fortin said, after the 2-0 win in the first game of the season. There is certainly a clear

see LADY CATS on page 11





FEATURE



Social Networking @ UVM

3

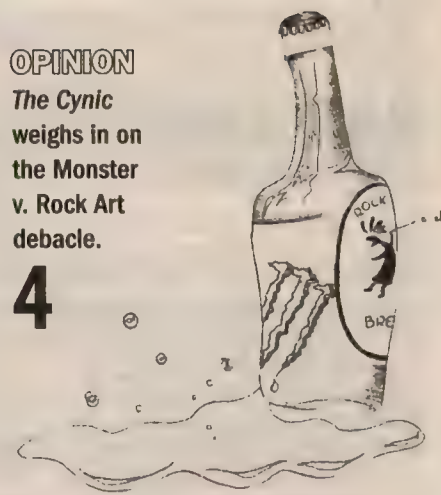
# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

OPINION

The Cynic weighs in on the Monster v. Rock Art debacle.

4



www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Volume 126 Issue 9 | Burlington, Vermont

## Mood lights in DC “unsafe”

By Natalie DeBlasio  
Cynic Correspondent

The nook tucked in under the stairwell on the third floor of the Davis Center is home to several chairs, two Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) lamps and, frequently, sophomore Joe Haas.

Haas doesn't sit here to increase his light exposure, but just to do his homework. “It is one of the most quiet areas in the Davis Center,” he said. “I had no idea what [the lights] actually do.”

SAD, which the lights can help to remedy, results from a lack of exposure to natural light often caused by being indoors or the darkness of winter months, according to UVM psychologist and professor Kelly Rohan.

The sign on the lamps says for students to “enjoy some light therapy while you study, chat or just relax.”

According to the sign, the lamps emit high-definition, full-spectrum lighting. They are as bright as a 300-watt halogen bulb with no harmful UV rays and produce 10,000 lux for Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Despite this, Rohan, who has been studying SAD for over 15 years, felt that the University's attempt to treat students with light therapy could be detrimental to their health.

“A person who doesn't know what they are doing can really do a lot of damage,” she said.

According to Rohan, improper use of the lights can cause headaches, eye strain, wired feelings and, in some cases, extreme mania, insomnia and early morning waking.

“I think it is really dangerous that students are just plopping themselves down in front of these medical devices in an unmonitored fashion,” Rohan said. “Self-diagnosis is dangerous.”

The signs offer no information of the risks or how to use the lights.

Haas was even unaware that there was any need to regulate his time in front of the lamps.

“I usually sit there from one to three hours,” he said. “I have never really noticed feeling any different, but I would like to be warned about the possible dangers.”

Rohan's main concern is that a mental health provider can watch for side effects and alter doses for someone with SAD. Students lounging in the Davis Center are not getting that, she said.

According to the Center for

see SAD on page 2

## Setting a mark for CO<sub>2</sub>



By Hillary Walton & Pat Tyler  
Cynic Correspondents

Despite the rainy weather, UVM students and Burlington citizens gathered in front of the Davis Center to help raise global awareness about climate change.

Lying down in the wet grass, they collectively spelled out a large “350 VERMONT,” hoping to raise awareness of the high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere.

Mostly due to excessive burning of fossil fuels, the atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> is currently at about 390 parts per million.

After observing numerous alarming signs of climate change, leading climatologists released a series of studies showing that if the

atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> remain above 350 parts per million, our planet will face both human and natural disaster.

The photo, taken on Oct. 24, was added to 350's website, where a massive collection of similar protest photos were posted from around the world.

“This is the first time it's happened and the newspapers today are calling it the most widespread day of political action in the planet's history,” 350 founder Bill McKibben said.

“There will be 4,600 events in 177 countries,” McKibben said.

McKibben took the first steps toward the creation of 350 Day in 2007 when he and a group of Middlebury students marched to raise awareness about climate change.

see CLIMATE on page 2

ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

In response to CO<sub>2</sub> levels being at an all-time high, both students and Burlington residents gather to raise awareness of the necessity to take action against climate change. Currently, the atmospheric level of CO<sub>2</sub> is 390 ppm. The projected goal is to lower that to 350 ppm.

## Local beer survives dispute with community help

By Dan Friedman  
Cynic Correspondent

Matthew Nadeau didn't wake up expecting to find a letter from one of the leading energy drink companies in the world.

But on Sept. 14, that's exactly what happened, and Nadeau received a cease and desist notice from Monster in regards to his Vermont Beer, Vermonster.

Despite this, Hansen Beverages, head of Monster Energy Drink, and Rock Art Brewery came to an

agreement regarding copyright issues with Rock Art's beer the Vermonster on Oct. 20.

Rock Art Brewery can continue to manufacture the Vermonster, provided that Nadeau stays out of the energy drink market.

“Even in light of Hansen Beverages decision to back off, the idea that this massive, faceless company can infiltrate a place like Vermont is slightly sickening. I'm really glad to see that our community cared enough to make a difference, at least in this

situation,” freshman Arin Lustberg said.

Nadeau started his company, Rock Art Brewery, out of his basement. Ten years later, with seven employees and a factory located in Morrisville, Nadeau decided to celebrate by making a beer called the Vermonster. He received the trademark for it in 2006 and released it in 2007.

The case was met with an uproar from the Vermont brewing community. Stores across Chittenden County, including the

Winooski Beverage Warehouse and Pearl Street Beverage, pulled Monster products from their shelves in protest and alerted the media.

Winooski Beverage Warehouse employee Adam Briggs said that store management took action as soon as news of the case broke.

“As soon as we heard, we pulled all Monster products and alerted the media,” Briggs said. “It kind of snowballed from there.”

see MONSTER on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-2 — FEATURE 3 — OPINION 4-5 — ARTS 6 — LIFE 7 — COMICS 8 — DISTRACTIONS 9 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com



## SAD | LAMPS CAUSE CONCERN

...continued from page 1

Light Treatment and Biological Rhythms, light therapy involves "exposure to intense light under specified conditions," and sessions are altered based on individual needs and equipment used.

"The University has a responsibility to do the research so that we as students are aware of what we are being exposed to," freshman Rachell Coon, who has frequently sat under the SAD lights, said.

Coon, like Haas, was also unaware of the benefits or harm they could bring her.

UVM senior staff psychologist Walter Brownsford, who wrote the innovation grant to the Center for Health and Wellbeing for the SAD lamps, was also unaware of the risks.

"I knew the lights were helpful for people with SAD, so I started thinking, why don't we have satellites [SAD lamps] around

campus?" he said.

Director of Student Life and the Davis Center Patrick Brown selected the location that is now home to these lights.

"The Counseling Center wrote the signs up. I put faith in them dealing with whatever needs to be [on the signs]," Brown said.

Even for students suffering from SAD, Rohan encourages other options besides light therapy.

"[Light therapy and anti-depressants] just suppress the symptoms, so they have to be continued with regularity over time — cognitive behavioral therapy may actually have long-time benefits," Rohan said.

In the future, the Counseling Center is looking to better inform the students.

"There is not a lot of clarity on the instructions to use these lamps, and there should be," Brownsford said. "I will press on that and it will definitely happen."

## MONSTER | AGREEMENT REACHED

...continued from page 1

The community support that the Rock Art Brewery received was monumental, Briggs said. It was a testament to the unity of the trade.

"The craft beer community is not one you want to screw with — especially in Vermont," Briggs said.

Briggs said that the response from Hansen Beverages was ridiculous and that no reasonable person in the trade would have stood for it.

"We took a billion-dollar company and we embarrassed them," Briggs said.

However, Cat's Pause, located in the Davis Center, is contractually obligated to continue to stock Monster products.

Other support came from websites like Facebook and Twitter.

Student Lukas Payette created a group on Facebook named "Vermonters and Craft Beer Drinkers Against Monster."

"Anything from Vermont has my support," Facebook poster Susan Dickinson said. "I'm a Vermonter and we folks stick together. The Phish Band, Ben & Jerry's, Maple Sugar Candy, Vermonster — good shit."

Another Facebook member, Luke Tilley, said that he usually spreads his beer dollars around the local breweries in Vermont, but his protest will be to exclusively buy Rock Art beer until the case is over.

The situation raised serious questions regarding copyright and trademark laws and the difficulties, right or wrong, that small businesses face against corporate America.

"In an age when it can be hard for individuals and underdogs to win any sort of battles against corporations, it feels really refreshing to see this outcome. When I turn 21, I'll be sure to go buy a Vermonster and see what the fuss was really all about," Lustberg said.

## CLIMATE | DAY UNIFIES WORLD

...continued from page 1

Their activism culminated in a pledge by governor Jim Douglas and other Vermont leaders to take a firm stance on fighting climate change in Vermont.

Two years later, 350 Day was born and on that rainy Sunday, nearly every country on the globe came together in hopes to stress the severity of the ailing environment as the date of the UN Climate Negotiations steadily approaches.

"The picture was awesome and I was excited to be a part of it," freshman Amy Pennock said.

All of the 350 Day photos submitted to the website were projected at the UN headquarters and were also put up on the big screens in Times Square.

Shortly after the photograph had been taken, a mob of rain-booted citizens left UVM's campus to bring their protest to the people of downtown Burlington.

"You've all taken part in the biggest day of political activism in the history of the world," organizer and activist Tom Mertz said to the participants.

Participants then gathered in the Firehouse Gallery across the street where artists displayed environmentally related work in honor of the occasion.

"The world is wondrous and alive and I try to show this to people through my art," featured artist Rebecca Schwartz said.

Orin Langel, of the global justice ecology project, said that his organization has been taking part in UN debates on climate change since 2004.

One of the main problems, he said, is that the issue is often looked over in favor of more immediate economic goals, a decision that could have detrimental effects.

"You can't bail out a dead planet," he said.

Langel stressed the importance of bringing these issues to the upcoming UN environmental treaty conference in Copenhagen.

The 350 website stressed this as one of the day's goals.

"We can hold our decision makers accountable to producing a treaty that is strong, equitable and grounded in the latest science," it stated.

April Hillman, along with 26 students from across the nation, will be attending the conference in December.

"Environmental problems of today need to be addressed immediately, before they can begin to affect the livelihoods of our future generations," she said.



### TWEETING OUR 'TUDE:

"Happiness" is graphed as a growing trend in the past three years. Individual words are ranked from 1-9 on happiness and then the average score of words appearing in "I feel..." sentences on blogs and twitter is graphed over time.

Data from Dodds & Danforth 2009

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

## Social media provides a pulse

### UVM researchers compile internet data to measure public happiness

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

There are millions of tweets every day, and the government is paying scientists to read them.

Two UVM applied mathematicians, Peter Dodds and Chris Danforth, are using the Internet social networking phenomenon to research the happiness of large-scale written expression.

"Hundreds of millions of people are interacting online using Facebook, Twitter, and other media," Danforth said. "For the first time in history, we are able to observe people at the level of a population."

"There is an opportunity [for researchers] to observe a huge sample size of people in a natural environment...and take the pulse of [their] happiness," Danforth said.

In the past, governments have used the Gross Domestic Product

(GDP), a measure of economic performance, or some form of well-being survey to evaluate how well a society was functioning.

But with phones and computers allowing people to constantly update their status in writing, researchers found a jackpot of honest insights into individual lives from which to measure the Gross Domestic Happiness (GDH) of a society.

Dodds and Danforth published a research paper together earlier this year describing happiness trends in songs, blogs and presidents' State of the Union addresses.

The continued research is being funded by a five-year \$678,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

"[Our research] fits into the bigger program of bringing large scale data analysis to the social sciences," said Dodds.

The pair has analyzed more than one billion tweets (Twitter updates of 140 characters or less) in the past year, and nine million sentences from 2.3 million blogs, looking for 1,000 specific words.

"We look at emotive words; words with an emotional association," Danforth said as he explained how each word has a happiness score between

one and nine based on a large psychological study of people's reactions to certain words.

Words like love and paradise score between eight and nine, while the words rape and suicide both score a 1.25.

The State of the Union speeches going back to George Washington don't show a strong statistical correlation, but John F. Kennedy's speech has the highest happiness valence, according to the study.

A similar word reaction study was conducted in Spanish, explained Dodds, which found a 90 percent correlation of words' happiness ratings between languages.

Dodds said that the measurement of happiness may not be perfect, but it is consistent, showing a rise in happiness on weekends and holidays.

"[We're] not trying to infer the intent of the person communicating," Danforth said. "The goal is to describe the behavior, then understand it later."

"Theory can only take you so far," Dodds said, "so let's try describing something."

## Start Your Career in Accounting.



### Northeastern's MS in Accounting/MBA for non-accounting majors:

- Earn two degrees in just 15 months.
- Complete a 3-month paid residency at a leading accounting firm.
- Proven track record of 100% job placement.

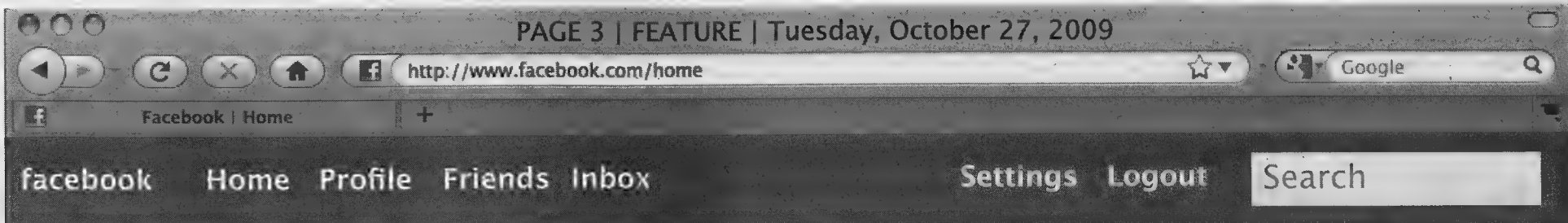
### Take the first step.

Visit us online or at an information session near you. Learn more about the program and upcoming events at [www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu).

617-373-3244  
[gspa@neu.edu](mailto:gspa@neu.edu)  
[www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu)

Northeastern University





# Would you poke your professor?



[View Cynic Photos](#)

[Send Cynic a message](#)

[Poke Cynic @ vermontcynic.com](#)

## Information

More than 300 million active users on Facebook

50% of active users log on to Facebook in any given day

The fastest growing demographic is those 35 years old and older

The average user has 130 friends

More than 8 billion minutes are spent on Facebook each day (worldwide)

More than 45 million status updates each day

More than 2 billion photos uploaded to the site each month

More than 2 billion photos uploaded to the site each month

More than 8 billion minutes are spent on Facebook each day

statistics courtesy of Facebook

By Sarah Doubleday

What's on your mind?

Share



## When is friending too friendly?

Before senior Lisa Rosenberg leaves her house for the day, she checks her Facebook account.

Then she checks it another four times throughout the day.

While Facebook has certainly impacted Rosenberg's daily schedule, the impact the site has had on society is one of degree rather than drastic change, according to associate sociology professor Thomas Streeter.

Streeter admits that it is hard to sort out what is a fad and what is substantial in such a new technology, but sees social networking sites simply as a continuation of existing communication technologies like cell phones and e-mail.

As social networking sites make it easier and easier to stay connected across state and national boundaries, it complicates what defines the concept of community. Personal ties used to be related much more to place than they are now, Streeter said.

"You might not know the person living 30 feet away

from you, but you know who your best friend, living 3,000 miles away, slept with last week," Streeter said.

Facebook originated as a site exclusive to individuals with a college e-mail address, though it certainly has not remained that way.

Students no longer simply field friend requests from kids in their dormitory, but now can keep in touch with parents, bosses and professors.

But when is "friending" too friendly?

Senior Tyler Mayo said he usually makes it a rule not to connect with professors on Facebook.

"There is a definite barrier between students and professors, or at least there should be," he said.

Senior Heather Bell generally agrees that there should be a line between professional and personal relationships. However, she thinks there might be exceptions to this rule.

Bell said she would consider friending a professor only if they were someone she knew really well, like an advisor.

Thu at 12:37am · [Comment](#) · [Like](#) · [See Wall-to-Wall](#)



## Should your advisors see your albums?

Many professors at UVM established personal protocol for navigating the ethical issues around social networking sites.

Assistant classics professor Angeline Chiu uses her Facebook to keep in touch with people and to run the UVM Goodrich classical club page.

She agreed that there it is a thin line between academic or professional and personal use of such social networking sites.

Chiu will not become friends on Facebook with students she currently has in class, but she has no problem with accepting former students' friend requests.

While nothing weird has happened to her before, Chiu said she is sometimes wary of how public a forum social networking sites are.

"I wouldn't want to see students trashing one of my colleagues in a conversation on their walls," she said. "That could be awkward."

Ian Grimmer, a lecturer in the history department, agrees that there is an important boundary between

students and professors that has to be respected.

Grimmer will not accept friend requests from any students who are still at UVM.

"It simply doesn't seem professional," he said.

While both Grimmer and Chiu are wary of the complications of creating personal relationships online with students, they also both believe that social networking websites are a great way to keep track of students who have graduated.

"You work with these people and you mentor them, so it's nice to see what they are going on to do," Grimmer said.

Streeter said that relationships between professors and students have always been complicated, as college students often are somewhere between being private individuals and having professional roles in society.

"The rules are always being negotiated," Streeter said.

Along with potential concerns about appropriate boundaries between personal and work relationships, social networking sites can present legal implications as well.

October 20 at 9:46pm · [Comment](#) · [Like](#) · [See Wall-to-Wall](#)



## How can tagging lead to trouble?

What could happen to the underage student or the student organization whose Facebook profile is full of photos of alcohol consumption?

For the UVM police, the Internet and social networking websites serve as just one more source of information. Captain Tim Bilodeau of UVM Police Services compares the sites to a bulletin board in the student center.

Bilodeau said that if someone exchanges information in a public place and it comes to the attention of the police that there is a public safety concern, the police would look into it — the Internet is no different in that regard.

"We've had incidents where groups have put stuff on websites that led us to investigating public safety," he said.

However, just because a seemingly illegal activity pictured or described online comes to Bilodeau's attention does not mean that there will automatically be an arrest.

"We have to get context for the photos," he said.

Some student groups at UVM have found ways to

avoid these issues. Sorority chapters on campus ask their members to make their profiles, and especially their photos, private.

Sometimes the ways in which students portray themselves represent not only an organization, but also their university.

Residential Advisors (RAs) serve as models for their community — acting as the resources residents rely on for support and advice.

There is no set policy on the things RAs can and cannot display or talk about on their personal web pages. However, that aspect of their image is evaluated when they are being considered for the job.

"I know people who weren't hired because of their profiles," senior Keith Williams said. An RA throughout his sophomore year, he said that Facebook images of drinking, especially in the dorms, were brought up in RA interviews and was a serious hinderance to being hired.

Social networking sites may be changing the way people interact and present themselves, but some things never change.

"My 14-year-old would rather die than have me be his friend on Facebook," Streeter said.

Thu at 12:37am · [Comment](#) · [Like](#) · [See Wall-to-Wall](#)

## Relationship Status:

"There is a definite barrier between students and professors, or at least there should be."

—Tyler Mayo, UVM Senior



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermio  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damar Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

Locals fight  
for their beer

When a billion-dollar beverage corporation issues cease and desist notices to a small Vermont brewery, one can't help but conjure up images of David and Goliath.

As in the original myth, this story ends with the underdog victorious, but unlike David, Rock Art Brewery didn't stand alone in their battle with Hansen Beverage Co., makers of the Monster energy drinks.

*The Cynic* therefore congratulates the residents of Vermont.

Under pressure from boycotts led by liquor store owners statewide, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, Hansen dropped their case against Rock Art Brewery.

The original claim asked that Rock Art cease and desist production and marketing of its Vermonster brand beer, which Hansen said could confuse customers intending to buy a Monster energy drink.

This claim seems ridiculous, and according to Doug Riley, a trade attorney, Hansen didn't have much of a case. Who would confuse a beer for an energy drink?

But Matt Nadeu, owner of Rock Art Brewery, feared that Hansen would be able to drag the court battle out with its deeper pockets, eventually winning by default when the much smaller brewer ran out of money.

In the weeks after the claim was first made public on Oct. 1, public outrage broiled over Facebook and the rest of the internet.

Monster's one public comment on the brouhaha was a response to a Facebook comment on their fan page. The response, posted by a Monster representative, unceremoniously said, "Nobody cares. Get a life."

Capitalizing on the momentum, Nadeu posted a six-minute YouTube video explaining the history of Rock Art and his feelings about the case, which immediately went viral, and now has 72,000 views—a little more than one-tenth the population of Vermont.

The 500 comments on the video vary in vulgarity, but nearly all proclaim commitment to a boycott of Monster products.

Hansen clearly did not anticipate this sort of public response to their actions, and even we at *The Cynic* were happily surprised by the outcome of the ordeal.

The people have clearly and loudly stated that corporate bullying will not be tolerated in the Green Mountain State.

Thanks to Vermont consumers and store owners, the rights of at least one local business have been upheld, and we can all rest easy knowing that we're not dumb enough to confuse a locally crafted alcoholic beverage with a caffeine- and corn syrup-laden energy drink.



## COLUMNIST



MICHAEL FARLEY

Mother  
Nature is  
a man

It appears that Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov beat me to the punch and took away my last chance at having an original costume for Halloween.

This holiday season, Luzhkov is going to be Mother Nature.

He has declared that this winter will be Moscow's first winter without snow.

How can he be so sure of this? Can he see into the future?

No, but he does have super weather-changing chemicals and the Russian Air Force on his side.

Luzhkov's plan is to equip

planes with chemical sprayers, which will spray a fine chemical mist into the atmosphere at the onset of a snowstorm that will cause the snow to fall far from the Russian capital and dump onto the Moscow suburbs instead.

This is not Luzhkov's first attempt at playing Mother Nature, either.

In 2002, he proposed that Russian scientists work to reverse the flow of the River Ob to help irrigate the country's driest regions.

Also, every year on Victory Day and City Day, the same chemicals are used to prevent cloud formations from descending on the Russian capital so tanks and rocket-equipped trucks can roll down the streets under a beautiful, manmade blue sky.

The mist they will be spraying is a mixture of dry ice, cement powder and silver iodide.

This process, known as "cloud seeding," was seen most recently in China during the 2008 Summer Olympics.

None of the compounds used in cloud seeding have any proven negative effects. However, many countries have banned the practice of seeding clouds based on the principle that just because we are unaware of any negative effects, doesn't mean that none exist.

Aside from the countries

that have chosen not to use the chemical, the voice of the opposition has been only a low murmur.

I'm wondering where all the right-wing Christians and eco-friendly nuts are and why they aren't speaking up.

I mean, we can't clone people, stem cells are blacklisted, abortion is "against nature" and, based on traditional beliefs, weather is a causation of God.

One would think that the conservative right would be all over this.

On the other end of the spectrum, we can't idle our cars or throw something away without a guilt-trip, but you mean to tell me a Russian mayor can stop the snow?

How is that normal? How is that natural?

Is it because it is happening somewhere else and not in our backyards?

Not only was I upset that my last hope for a sweet Halloween getup was taken, but I was disappointed to find out that the only people upset about this were the soon-to-be snowed-in residents of Moscow's suburbs.

This is literally a crime against nature and people are turning a blind eye to it.

Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for *The Cynic* since spring 2008.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"I wonder if the people disseminating this false information about this vaccine realize that what they are doing could result in some people losing their lives."**

DR. JONATHAN E. FIELDING, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ON CRITICS OF THE H1N1 VACCINE AND OTHER INOCULATIONS.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words.

Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS



KATELYN MOHEN

# Unmasking a Halloween controversy

definitely be convicted criminal. That is, until you notice the black lettering on the front of his bright one piece that reads "Illegal Alien."

At this point, you will surely take into account the fake "green" card he holds and ridiculous alien mask atop his head.

The company Forum Novelties Inc. recently released its "illegal alien" outfit to store chains across the country, including Walgreens and Target.

The outfit has been received with an appalling popularity in stores and on the web.

Upon discovering this costume, I took a moment to really take in the idea.

I was left with a thorough

shock that the company that came up with the idea was interested in making a mockery of such an important issue.

As comical as such a getup may initially seem for Halloween,

**The outfit has been received with an appalling popularity in stores and on the web.**

the negative implications quickly outweigh the humor.

In fact, the joke has grown old quite fast for many of

immigrant rights groups across the nation.

A number of them, including the L.A.-based Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights, argue Forum Novelties' costume idea is a tasteless blow to the growing problem of illegal immigrants in America today.

Vendors such as Walgreens and Target have pulled the costume from their shelves, justifying that their initial intent was never to offend any customers or organizations.

Pulling the costume from store shelves is a great idea and should be commended.

Using an alien mask to depict an "illegal alien" dehumanizes immigrants in a crude manner.

Ultimately, I pity, but worry

little, over the fool who bought the "illegal alien" costume in hopes of stirring up some Halloween laughs this Saturday.

Really, I fret over a costume company that had no better ideas this holiday season than to resort to the level of poking fun at illegal immigration. What, then, will be their grand costume idea next October?

Next time Forum Novelties Inc. decides to cross the line, they should try to do so without contradicting themselves: an "illegal alien" is no longer illegal if they own a green card.

*Katelyn Mohen is a freshman English major. She has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MAX KRIEGER

## One small step for marijuana

No matter how you smoke it, the debate over medical marijuana isn't always an easy one to take in.

Many see marijuana as the devil's candy — a drug that corrupts the youth, makes people lazy and ruins lives.

However, the use of medical marijuana seems all too logical.

Most users don't have very long to live and need a painkiller that works without interfering with other medications or body functions.

The big news recently for these patients is that the federal government decided to stop prosecuting dispensers and users of medical marijuana.

On Oct. 19, deputy attorney general David Ogden signed a

memorandum authorizing the use of medical marijuana in states that already allow it.

In the past, marijuana users and distributors have been prosecuted by the federal, but not state, governments.

Federal courts have been inundated with dying cancer patients and the elderly who are merely seeking a relief from pain.

The government claims that this relaxation of policy is merely to unclog the court system.

However, medical marijuana laws should be eased because of their medical benefits as well.

Pain relief for cancer patients and the elderly is a clear case, but what if medical marijuana weren't used just for elderly people and the terminally ill?

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, a professor at Brown University, Marie Myung-Ok Lee, gained permission from a doctor to give her nine-year-old autistic son medical marijuana in the form of cookies to treat pains from an inflammatory bowel condition and anxiety.

At first, the drug was used to treat his pain, but as time progressed, it became clear that the drug reduced his aggression levels and his pica — the tendency to eat things that aren't food.

This is only one example of marijuana's medical potential.

If the federal government would encourage medical marijuana research, doctors and researchers will start to explore marijuana's benefits other than

pain relief.

According to a study by the National Cancer Institute, medical marijuana has been shown to reduce nausea in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Treatments like these are just the beginning.

It is time for the government and medical community to get over the biased stigma hanging over marijuana.

If something natural can help people so much, it is only right that it be utilized, studied and made available.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since Fall 2009.*

### JOIN US FOR CFA® DAY

*At CFA Day members of Vermont's investment community will discuss career opportunities in the field of money management and the benefits of achieving the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) designation. The CFA credential is recognized as the worldwide symbol of an investment professional's expertise, skill and adherence to a code of ethics that puts client interests first.*

**When: Monday, November 2, 2009**  
**5:00-7:00 pm**

**Where: The Davis Center, Livak Ballroom**

*Food and drink will be provided.*



**ETHICS  
TENACITY  
RIGOR  
ANALYTICS**



FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR WORLD

Open house for prospective JD and master's students

**Saturday, November 14 | 9:00 AM-3:30 PM**

RSVP at 802-831-1239

- Environmental law, policy, and public service
- Scholarships and financial aid
- International and experiential options
- Meet faculty, students, and alumni
- Full-time and flexible scheduling

**VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**

[www.vermontlaw.edu](http://www.vermontlaw.edu)



# Burlington artists dabble in dark arts

Creative minds band together to display spooky side

By Katie Ida  
Asst. Features Editor

From neon skulls to knitted dissected frogs, the Dark Arts exhibit at South Burlington's Nightmare Vermont, an interactive haunted house, unmask the creepy side of art.

The exhibit features work by 12 artists — both experienced and amateur — from Burlington and the surrounding community, created using a wide variety of mediums.

While Nightmare Vermont is in its fourth year, this is the inaugural year of Dark Arts.

In the entrance, a partially dissected knit frog and white lab rat lie in surgical pans.

With their inner organs protruding from their stomachs, the animals made by Burlington native Emily Stoneking appear to be an appendectomy on grandma's mittens gone awry.

Through peep holes in a black and orange window, a cascading tower of neon green, yellow and pink skulls sits in the center of an installation piece.

"The Dead Rock on to the break of dawn, the Living Rock well to the depths of hell, 2009" by Chris Harvey of Troy, N.Y., juxtaposes the skeletons and the artificial flowers that surround the chilling centerpiece.

"When you think art, you don't normally think of this," Community College of Vermont student Jordan Avery said.

Pen and ink drawings, found objects, sculptural pieces, screen prints and photography also line the walls of the small but sufficiently thrilling exhibit.



**DAN EVANKO** | The Vermont Cynic  
Artist Chris Harvey sets up his piece in the Dark Arts exhibit. The exhibit called for local artists to exercise their strange, evil side.

As for the guidelines for the art, there weren't any, curator Deidre Healy said.

**"When you think art, you don't normally think of this."**

**Jordan Avery**  
Community College of Vermont Student

"It didn't have to be one thing or another. It was great fun watching stuff as it was coming in," Healy said.

When searching for submissions, Healy targeted tattoo parlors and comic book stores as well as grocery stores

and University of Vermont message boards.

"Strange Dolls" artist Beth Robinson was also happy with the eclectic approach that Dark Arts took when putting together the exhibit.

"I was very happy that there was going to be a show in town that celebrated the darker artists," Robinson said.

Healy hopes that the dark-themed exhibit will generate lighter feelings.

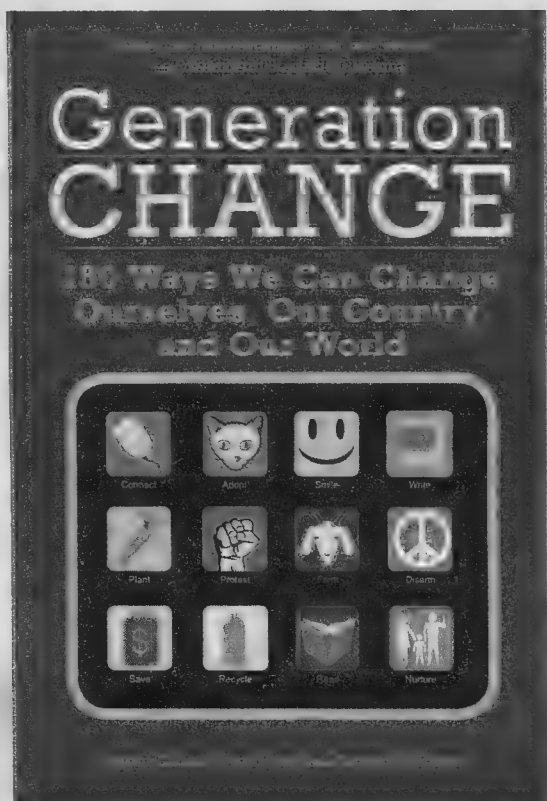
"I hope they just enjoy themselves and see some things that make them smile and maybe shudder," Healy said.

The exhibit is open to the public and can be viewed Oct. 30 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 7 p.m. to midnight.



# Activist book shows how to change the world

"Generation Change" inspires and provokes thought among many curious readers



By Dan Suder  
Cynic Correspondent

Suggestions ranging from flossing your teeth to becoming an ambassador to Africa characterize "Generation Change," a new book co-authored by Jayan Kalathil and Melissa Bolton-Klinger that speaks to the younger voter.

The book is a collection of 150 suggestions for living a better life, participating in society and changing the world for the better.

Some suggestions are silly, such as "show your grandma how to text."

But each of them undeniably makes at least one person's life better.

"Generation Change" is divided into three sections: "Change Ourselves," "Change Our Country" and "Change Our World."

Within those categories, three main points shine through repeatedly. One must discover,

think about and share knowledge; one must speak up and one must be respectful toward other people and the planet.

The pursuit and sharing of knowledge enables people to make informed decisions, as well as connect with themselves and others.

Speaking out ensures that people have a voice in society — their own. Respect creates a livable environment and makes life pleasurable for everyone.

In the book, the authors revolve their discussion around technology. They show some of its negative aspects — one suggestion is "Put Down the Remote and Pick Up a Book" — but they clearly value its role in activism and change.

The book is littered with myriad informative websites — Twitter, Skype and YouTube.

Still, they emphasize the importance of taking a break every once in a while to reconnect

with oneself.

Though the authors are very clearly liberally aligned, political affiliation doesn't necessarily change the book's impact.

All of the suggestions are thoughtful, all of the referenced books and movies are intriguing, and Obama's quotes at the beginning of each section are far more inspiring than they are partisan.

The blurb on the back cover states that the book's goal is to "show readers how a little time and a little effort can bring about personal change, change to a neighborhood, change to a country, or to our world."

Between its suggestions, quotes, websites, TV shows, movies and other resources, "Generation Change" succeeds not only in offering different points of view, but also in inspiring readers to think about the world's problems and make those changes happen.



# Werewolves on the run!

Nightmare Vermont theatrically haunts Burlington with the Halloween show of the season

By Rachel Bowker  
Staff Writer

Hordes of scary beasts are descending on the small city of Burlington. Zombies walk UVM's halls, and there is definitely something under your bed — at least, that's what you'll imagine after this terrifying trip.

Nightmare Vermont, an interactive haunted house that features an entire hour of bloodcurdling monsters and special effects, unleashed its horror this past Friday for anyone who dared to enter.

Jana Beagley and Wendy Farrell, the coordinators of the event, have kept busy setting up for the show's four spook-tacular performances.

"I guess I'm the producer, and Jana's like the director," Farrell said.

For Beagley, designing spooky productions started at an early age.

"I started doing haunted events when I was 13, and I totally found my calling," she said. "I love the spirit of Halloween."

In their 2005 haunted house, which crawled with vampires and werewolves hiding in the shadows, 40 people could not even make it through all of the scenes of the performance, Beagley said. "One person faint[ed]."

"Thankfully it was in a hospital setting, so we had a wheelchair handy," she said, laughing.

There was plenty of high-quality theater in Burlington, but the selection of high-quality haunted events was minimal, Beagley said.

Nightmare Vermont was inspired by that "disconnect."

Beagley saw a problem. "None of the haunted events that I knew of used rehearsed actors [or] an integrated story line," she said. "None of them did stage combat [either] and almost all of them were geared for little kids."

"I was getting older, and I was just like, am I going to get disenfranchised out of Halloween?" she said.

To make sure her performances could continue each year, Beagley teamed up with Farrell, who came up with the idea to pair Nightmare Vermont with the South Burlington Rotary.

"I realized what was missing was a parent organization ... that having this incredible group of young artists also trying to run an organization was killing them," Farrell said.

"This project morphed from being just a really cool Halloween project to a community project," she said.

Beagley believes the production aids the community by providing a constructive Halloween pastime.

"This provides a thrill so that you can pass on a lot of other stuff that might give you a hangover the next day," Farrell said.

People have come all of the way from Canada just to partake in the amazing show, Beagley said. "You will not find any eyeballs in Jell-O in our haunted house."

The proceeds from Nightmare Vermont have two destinations. "They're either going to be used as seed money for next year or going towards South Burlington Rotary charities, which are committed to literacy," Farrell said.

Farrell and Beagley are also determined to make sure the performance is available to everyone.

"We're committed to keeping it on the bus route so it's accessible. Too often these things happen in suburban areas, so they're for entitled kids that have cars," Farrell said.

Students think it's a great idea as well.

"I'm definitely going," freshman Lauren Brogden said. "I don't think I've ever heard of such a wicked Halloween event."

For those who missed the show's spine-tingling debut, the final two performances take place Oct. 30 and 31. The terror begins at 78 Eastwood Dr. in South Burlington at 7 p.m. and ends with special late night performances from 9 p.m. to midnight on Halloween.



## THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA & CINDY AMLAKO

## Please don't dress like a slut on Halloween

You see it every year — the girl with the black bra, black shorts and tiny cat ears who claims she really is a cat for Halloween.

Or the girl with the little white mini-dress and a first aid kit claiming she is a sexy nurse.

What ever happened to originality?

Style Files begs you — please don't use Halloween as an excuse to bare as much skin as possible.

Plus, last time we checked, it's usually around 25 degrees in Burlington by Oct. 31 — talk about a sexy cat freezing her tail off.

Looking spooky and authentic does not have to mean looking unflattering. You don't have to show your goodies to look great.

There's a significant difference between slutty and sexy.

Have you ever seen a girl wearing a dress that covered

her up but hugged all the right places? That girl still looked amazing because she was wearing something that complimented her curves, without revealing too much skin.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with short skirts and low cut tops.

We at Style Files truly appreciate that type of clothing and advocate celebrating your shape. But, as you get dressed, be mindful of your appearance. You're smart enough to distinguish between the two.

In short, slutty is sexy gone wrong.

Usually, a slutty costume is boring and store-bought, whereas there is apparent thought behind a sexy and cute costume that shows.

Since you don't have to go to the store, being original can also save money, which is a very appealing factor for a college student.

Walk into any Party City and you'll see skanky costumes for \$50 and up. You can make up a cheaper and more unique costume using clothes you already have and buying inexpensive extras.

And for all you guys, a Celtics hat and what you wore to the gym earlier that day does not cut it as a basketball player costume; you need to get original too.

Above all, Halloween is supposed to be fun. While it's an excuse to look crazy, don't embarrass yourself.

Even more importantly, don't be a carbon copy. Halloween is the only night of the year where you can look as weird and original as possible without anyone batting an eye.

## Internship Hop

Where?  
L/L  
E-Building

Wednesday  
November 4th  
1 pm to 4 pm

Learn about...

- Local
- National
- International
- Post-graduation Internships & Fellowships

**BROWSE** our resources  
**Get IDEAS**  
**JUMPSTART** your  
internship **SEARCH**

For accommodations, call (802) 656.3450 or email Career.Services@uvm.edu in advance.

# Career Services



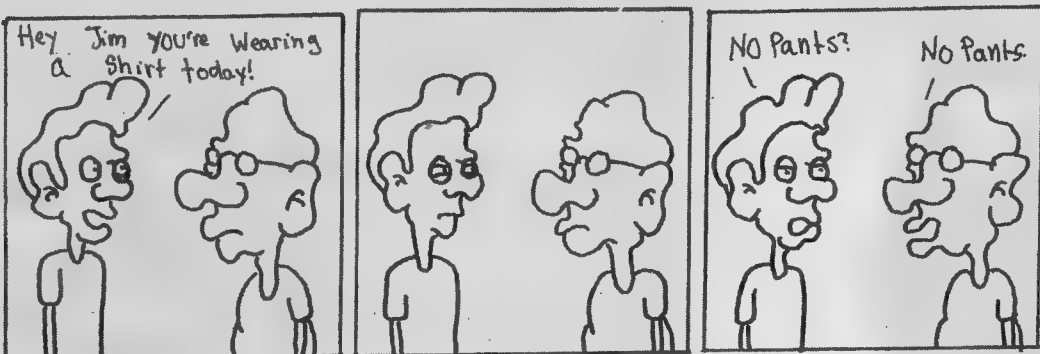
## The Adventures of Joel &amp; Chris

by Andrew Becker



## NO GOOD REASON

by R.Valenti



## the end is hear.

Introducing Endtone's disconnect tone application for the BlackBerry!

For a limited time, get our app for FREE by simply typing the following link in your BlackBerry browser: <http://122.168.194.184:8080/endpoint/endtone.html>

We invite you to view our short demonstration. It's a great way to see and hear all of the disconnect tone app benefits. Please go to YouTube and search on "endtone."

www.endtone.com  
202.498.9222

endtone

Free app only applies to the following BlackBerry models: Storm 9500, Curve 8900 and 8330, Bold 9000 and the 8820.

## Mac Sales and Service

APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc.

Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more.

Service of PC's as well.

Baha Computer Works, 200 Main street, Burlington. bahacomputerworks.com

-baha@madriver.com

802.279.8756, 802.657.3933

mightier than the sword

Never underestimate the power of the written word

your pen. your voice. write for the vermont cynic

**SPARE TIME**  
Family Fun Center

**CITY SPORTS GRILLE**

- ◆ Latest State of the art Bowling center!
- ◆ 110" HD Projection TV
- ◆ Over 50 TVs
- ◆ FREE Peanuts
- ◆ Value Priced Pub Style Menu
- ◆ Weekly Drink Specials & Giveaways
- ◆ Entertainment Weekly
- ◆ Two Level Multi-faceted Sports Bar
- ◆ Corporate Parties & Special Functions

**NFL SUNDAY TICKET**  
WATCH ALL YOUR NFL TEAMS HERE

**Live It Up...Go Bowling!**  
**Buy One Game**  
**Get One Free!**  
(up to six people)

Limit One Coupon Per Person Per Day. Not Valid Friday or Saturday after 5pm or in conjunction with any other discounted rates. Enjoy by 11/10/09

**MLB Ticket**  
Follow your favorite baseball team here!

sparetimecolchester.com

**STRIKE UP SOME FUN AT SPARE TIME**  
Colchester 655-2720  
Lower Mountain View Drive (across from Costco), Colchester, VT

**THREE BROTHERS**  
Pizza & Grill  
Coca-Cola FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED Coca-Cola

Show your College ID to get  
**20% OFF**  
Your Entire Order  
Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

**Now accepting CAT Scratch**

Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt coke product and dozen wings  
**\$24.99**

Not to be combined with any other offer

www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com  
973 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Colchester, VT  
802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075  
Open Seven Days a Week:  
Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri-Sat 11a-10pm



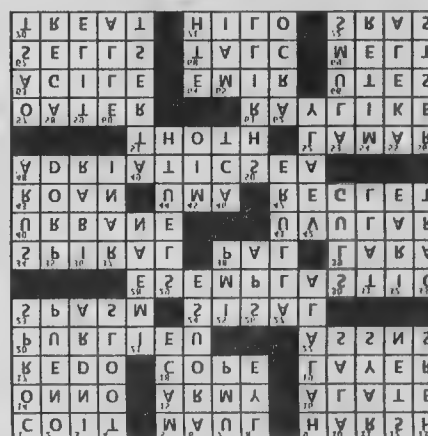
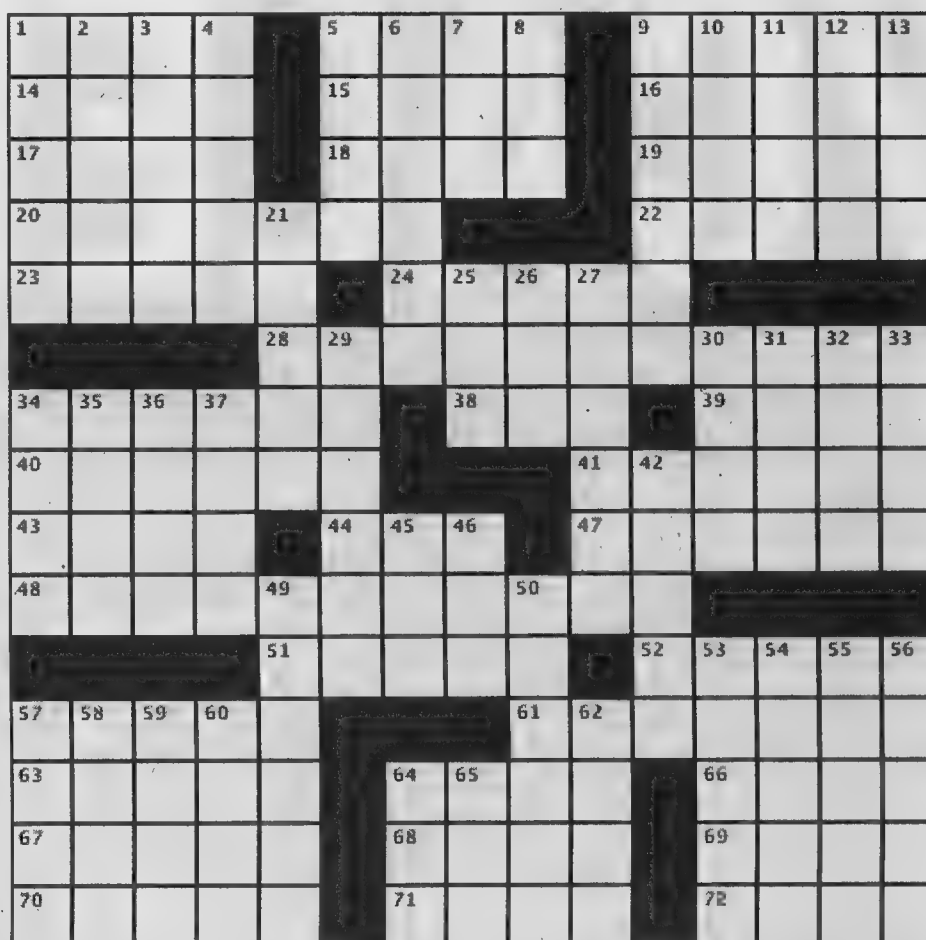
# Crossword

## Across

- 1- San Francisco's \_\_\_\_ Tower  
 5- Heavy hammer;  
 9- Stern  
 14- \_\_\_\_ account (never)  
 15- Military force  
 16- Winged  
 17- Fix up  
 18- Deal (with)  
 19- Stratum  
 20- Haunt  
 22- Orgs.  
 23- Sudden convulsion  
 24- Agave fiber  
 28- Unifying  
 34- Helix  
 38- Amigo  
 39- Zhivago's love  
 40- Sophisticated  
 41- Type of consonant  
 43- Horse color  
 44- Actress Thurman  
 47- Fillet  
 48- An arm of the Mediterranean  
 51- Egyptian god of learning  
 52- Truman's birthplace  
 57- Western  
 61- Actinoid  
 63- Nimble  
 64- Chieftain, usually in Africa  
 66- Salt Lake City hoopsters  
 67- Vends  
 68- Apply powder to oneself  
 69- Dissolve  
 70- Pay for  
 71- Hawaiian city  
 72- Ladies of Sp.

## Down

- 1- Army unit  
 2- Get the better of  
 3- Chief of the Vedic gods  
 4- Implements  
 5- Clublike weapon  
 6- Excite  
 7- Diamond authority  
 8- Caustic stuff  
 9- Monetary unit of Saudi Arabia  
 10- Exclamation to express sorrow  
 11- Beams  
 12- Type of gun  
 13- "His and \_\_\_\_"  
 21- That is to say...  
 25- Little devil  
 26- Hot tub  
 27- Attract  
 29- Detective  
 30- Garden pest  
 31- Like some orders  
 32- Dies \_\_\_\_  
 33- Wagon  
 34- Chapter of the Koran  
 35- Goad  
 36- Support beam  
 37- Hindu princess  
 42- Resembling baby beef  
 45- O Sole \_\_\_\_  
 46- Perform in a play  
 49- Still  
 50- Strident  
 53- Grads  
 54- Bishop's headdress  
 55- Pack leader  
 56- Reposes  
 57- Kiln for drying hops  
 58- Antiquing agent  
 59- One with a glazed look, perhaps  
 60- First name in scat  
 62- With the bow, in music  
 64- Biblical verb ending  
 65- Avril follower



UVM PROGRAM BOARD  
 UVM.EDU  
 BORED

THE  
 ROCKY HORROR  
 PICTURE SHOW

THURSDAY OCT 29th  
 DAVIS CENTER  
 GRAND MAPLE BALLROOM  
 11PM

LIVE BODY CAST AND FILM  
 FREE

**Saving \$\$\$ is Easy  
 at City Market!**

You can start to save money on your groceries at City Market today. Check out the Daily Specials, Weekly Winners and Monthly Sales at [www.CityMarket.coop](http://www.CityMarket.coop) before you shop. You'll find super deals on delicious sandwich meats, refreshing beverages and the freshest produce. Plus, by becoming a Co-op Member for only \$15, you'll earn money back on your store purchases. Start saving today.

City Market offers Free monthly classes.  
 Check out the selection at [www.CityMarket.coop/news/calendar](http://www.CityMarket.coop/news/calendar).

**Your Community-Owned Grocery Store**  
 82 S. Winslow Ave., Burlington VT 05401  
 Open 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. every day 802-861-9700 [www.citymarket.coop](http://www.citymarket.coop)  
 We welcome EBT, CATS, Scratch, Knight & CCCash Cards and manufacturers' coupons



# CALENDAR

wed. 28: darius goes west (film)  
6.00pm, maple ballroom (dc)

wed. 28: pub quiz  
9.00pm, brennan's

thur. 29: rocky horror picture show  
11.00pm, maple ballroom (dc)

fri. 30: battle of the bands  
8.00pm, brennan's

sat. 31: candy shoppe!  
10.00pm, davis center

[uvm.edu/bored](http://uvm.edu/bored)



# Sports shorts

By Andrew Lieberman  
Women's soccer gets blanked by Dartmouth

The Lady Cats were beaten 3-0 by the Dartmouth Big Green.

Despite senior keeper Eliza Bradley saving a season-high 15 shots, Dartmouth was able to knock in goals in the 9th, 26th and 34th minutes.

The Big Green had a 28-1 shot advantage and 5-0 corner kick advantage.

UVM looks to try to capture playoff seed and gain momentum for the upcoming America East Conference tournament.

Men's soccer gets topped by Stony Brook

Two goals in the beginning of each half and a late red card proved to be too much for UVM men's soccer to overcome.

The loss of senior forward Marty Galvin in the 75th to a red card was yet another setback for a potential comeback.

Sophomore Yannick Lewis's first goal of the season from a Sean Sweeney throw-in gave the Catamounts hope, but the game ended in a 2-1 loss.

The men's soccer team must win Wednesday against rival Boston University in order to capture a playoff spot.

Men's hockey receives first blue ribbon vote since 2005

With early season wins against collegiate hockey powers Denver and Boston College, the UVM men's hockey team received one first-place vote and are ranked seventh in the nation in the USA Today/USA Hockey Poll.

Denver and Boston College have combined for 10 national championships, but UVM has shown they belong among the best.

They currently sit third in the country according to the Inside College Hockey Power Rankings.

The Catamounts return home and look to sell out the Gut yet again for a game against UMass-Lowell on Nov. 6.

Men's lacrosse names 2010 captains

Head men's lacrosse coach Ryan Curtis introduced a quartet of captains for the 2010 season.

Senior Ryan Gillette, junior Max Gradinger, junior Evan O'Brien and sophomore Geoff Worley round out the bunch.

Curtis's program is going to be seeing leadership from all over the field as a midfielder, long pole midfielder, defender and attacker are all named as captain.



## Why Terrelle Pryor should be a QB — in college

Let me first state that I am a diehard Michigan Wolverine fan. When I was a child — or let's just say before my 18th birthday — when Michigan would lose, my best friend and I used to take aluminum bats and beat cardboard boxes with them.

Now, let's take a look at Terrelle Pryor. He is a twenty-year-old quarterback — who shares a birthday with yours truly — who stands at 6'6" and weighs 235 pounds.

Pryor, a disgusting mass of sheer athleticism, can run 40 yards in 4.3 seconds. On top of that, the former basketball star can tip slam a missed shot by Apollo. That's high up there.

One would assume that someone with these measurables would be a standout wideout, tight end or even linebacker.

Despite conventional logic, Terrelle Pryor is, and should be, a quarterback.

There is no doubt that the former high school phenom could succeed just about anywhere on the field outside the offensive line thanks to his unearthly athleticism.

But the Buckeyes need Pryor at quarterback in order to win. And the coaching staff and the team must realize the incredible talent they have and cater their offense to it.

Pryor chose Ohio State over Michigan — more anger, where are the cardboard boxes to abuse? — because the Buckeyes' offense provided the opportunity to learn a pro-style offense that uses the spread enough to exploit his abilities all while grooming him to succeed at the next level.

When you have talent like this, you must exploit it. You must be willing mold your system to fit the talents of your best athletes.

And yes, Pryor agreed to go to the Suckeyes with the idea that he'd fit into their system and mold into an NFL-ready pocket passer, but his athletic assets must be catered to by head coach Jim Tressel as well.

Tressel, who I think is a tremendous coach, is known for his conservative play-calling and even for his inability to develop his quarterbacks exceptionally well.

But the guy is a proven coach and he is no idiot; he knows he has a wrecking ball at quarterback that can swing at unparalleled speeds. So now I have a feeling Tressel will bend his offense to allow Pryor to be a playmaker rather than a struggling underclassmen who forgot that he has legs.

Pryor isn't going to thread the needle from the pocket, but he will breakdown any defender in D1 and gallop by them en route to six when he finds a crease.

So Jim, my enemy, if you want to keep your team at the top, you have to let your stallion loose. It's how you can win, and how he can succeed.



**BRYANT HUGHES** | The Vermont Cynic  
A Catamount diver glides through the air during a meet this season. Vermont defeated Siena 167-124, improving the team to 4-0. UVM has taken down Siena in each of the past five seasons.

## CAT SWIM | Fast start to season

...continued from page 12

the next few weeks, with a meet against rival Boston University, the ladies and Cournoyer are confident that the team can rise to the challenge.

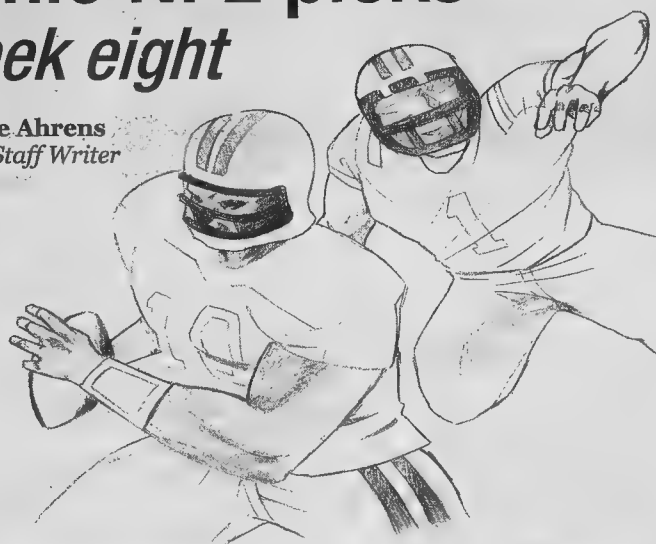
"We have a lot of momentum, especially going into Siena at home, which is always great," junior swimmer Kate Weaver

said.

"We feel good moving forward even though we have some obstacles ahead," Cournoyer said. "Siena is a much-improved team, Boston University is the top team in the conference; it's going to be a really tough challenge for us."

## Cynic NFL picks week eight

By Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



Minnesota Vikings vs. Green Bay Packers  
*Pick Packers*

This is my upset pick of the week, as Brett Favre travels to Lambeau Field for the first time as a visiting quarterback in this divisional rematch, where the Vikings won the first one by a score of 30-23. The Packers did a great job of limiting Adrian Peterson to only 55 yards on 21 carries the first time around, but had trouble protecting Aaron Rodgers, which limited their offense greatly. Look for the Pack to correct this issue, and win.

New York Giants vs. Philadelphia Eagles  
*Pick Eagles*

Here is another rematch from last year's divisional playoffs, where the Eagles dominated the Giants and made Eli Manning look lost, throwing for 169 yards and two interceptions. But this is only the Eagles second real test against a good team. Besides the Saints, who they lost to, they have yet to play a team with a winning record. But the Giants have shown they are vulnerable to the pass which is all the Eagles do, so I'm going with the numbers and choosing the Eagles to win.

San Francisco 49ers vs. Indianapolis Colts *Pick Colts*

The Colts' number one pass offense goes up against the 49ers 20-ranked pass defense. Not much more needs to be said. Peyton Manning will have another great day at home, where he won the last

eight games, and even though the 49ers have shown some promise as an up-and-coming team this year, they aren't good enough to beat arguably the best team in the league.

Atlanta Falcons vs. New Orleans Saints *Pick Saints*

Finally, there is a Monday night game worth watching. Pitting two of the league's better teams against each other will certainly lead to a fight for control of the

division. But the Saints have won three straight at home against the Falcons, and I don't see this streak ending, because, to be fair, they are the better team.

Denver Broncos vs. Baltimore Ravens *Pick Ravens*

The undefeated Denver Broncos will be put to the test against the Baltimore Ravens, and I'm going with the Ravens to pull off the upset, handing the Broncos their first loss of the season. Both teams are coming off their bye and

will be fresh, so neither will gain an advantage there, and going against rationale and statistics — which both point towards the Broncos — the Ravens are due for a win and the Broncos a loss.

Carolina Panthers vs. Arizona Cardinals *Pick Cardinals*

Remember last year's divisional playoff game, where Arizona came into Carolina and embarrassed them, making Jake Delhomme look like a fool, turning the ball over six times — five interceptions

and a fumble? I'm a believer in consistent performances, and it's a possibility that Delhomme might play better, but the outcome will be the same, especially with the Cards playing in the desert.





## last week

## Men's Soccer

10/17

New Hampshire 1,  
Vermont 0

A late goal gave New Hampshire its first win against UVM since 1998.

## Field Hockey

10/17

## Vermont 0, Albany 2

Vermont fell to 0-3 in America East Play after a shutout loss to 18th ranked Albany.

## Men's Hockey

10/18

## Vermont 1, Boston College 1

Four players score in front of a sellout crowd at Gutterson Fieldhouse as the men's hockey team defeats BC. Sophomore goalie Rob Madore made 22 saves and Vermont went a perfect 8-8 on the penalty kill.

## Women's Soccer

10/20

## Vermont 0, Dartmouth 3

The Lady Cats were shutout for the eighth time this season by the Big Green. Keeper Eliza Bradley made a career-high 15 saves in the game.

## Men's Soccer

10/21

## Vermont 1, Stony Brook 2

Sophomore Yannick Lewis earns second career goal but Stony Brook hands UVM eighth loss of the season.

## next week

## Wednesday

10/28

## Men's Soccer vs. Boston U

2 p.m. Centennial Field

## Friday

10/30

## Men's Hockey @ UMaine

7 p.m. Orono, Maine

## Women's Hockey vs. Northeastern

7 p.m. Gutterson Field House

## Saturday

10/31

## America East Cross Country Championship

11 a.m. Williston

## Field Hockey vs. Fairfield

12 p.m. Moulton Winder Field

## Swimming vs. Boston University

1 p.m. Vestal, N.Y.

## Women's Hockey vs. Northeastern

4 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Sunday

11/01

## Men's Basketball vs. Concordia (Exhibition)

1 p.m. Patrick Gym

## Field Hockey vs. Providence

1 p.m. Moulton Winder Field

## Swimming @ Binghamton

1 p.m. Vestal, N.Y.

# Vermont star Marqus Blakely and the Cats return to the hardwood

## Blakely and Joey Accaoui gain recognition in ESPN hoops season preview

By Will Andreycak  
Staff Writer

ESPN is talking about University of Vermont athletics. Before you assume this national attention is about the men's hockey team, think again.

College basketball experts, such as Jay Bilas, are giving notice to the Catamounts this year coming off an impressive season in 2008-2009.

Last year the Catamounts posted an impressive record of 24-9 overall and went 13-3 in America East league play on their way to winning the regular season America East Championship.

The Catamounts were a two-seed in the conference tournament but were upset by seventh-seeded Albany and the promising season came to an end. The Catamounts did earn a postseason bid to the College Basketball Invitational.

This year there is no doubt that the Catamounts have very high expectations for themselves.

"We want to finish in the top 3 in the America East during the regular season and hopefully be regular season champions," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "By the end of the season, we hope to be in a good position to try and make a run at the America East Tournament Championship."

The Catamounts will lean heavily on two-time America East Player of the Year, Marqus Blakely. Blakely averaged 16.1 points and 9.0 rebounds per game last season as a junior.

Blakely is also a two-time America East Defensive Player of the Year award winner and was recently named one of the top 10 rebounders in the country by ESPN college basketball analyst and expert Jay Bilas.

"Vermont's star is only 6-5, but he is one of the most efficient and productive players in the nation. Blakely does most of his damage around the basket and is a remarkable athlete but has a nose for the ball like few others," Bilas said in his column, which can be read on ESPN.com.

If there is one facet of his game Blakely needs to improve on, it is his free throw shooting.



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Senior and star forward Marqus Blakely (23) tries to soar under the hoop during the Catamount Tip-Off this past Saturday.

**"You can have all the awards you want, if you don't win, it doesn't mean anything."**

**Marqus Blakely**  
Senior forward

He shot just 56 percent from the line last season; something that he admits must change for the 2009-10 campaign.

"I left a lot of points at the line last year and we lost a lot of close games. I feel like partially those losses were put on me because of the missed foul shots. But I have been practicing all off-season, trying to get better," the 6-5 senior Blakely said.

If Blakely can bring the level of his free throw shooting on par

with the rest of his game, the sky is the limit for Blakely as an individual and the Catamounts as a team.

The New Jersey native will not be the only player the Catamounts rely on if they plan on making it to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in school history, the last time being the unforgettable upset of Syracuse in 2005.

Shooting guard Maurice Joseph, in his second season

with the Catamounts after transferring from Michigan State, will be counted on for a bigger role this year after scoring 8.1 points per game last season.

"I did a lot of fine tuning during the offseason. My goals were to keep my jump shot consistent and to improve my ball handling," Joseph said.

"I'd like to start the season off being aggressive offensively and hopefully the work I put in throughout the summer will help me have a successful year."

Along with Joseph and the outstanding athletic ability of Blakely, the team will get contributions from 6-8 forward Evan Fjeld in the post and from sharp-shooting junior Joey Accaoui.

Accaoui shot 40 percent from the three-point line last season and if he can replicate or even improve upon that percentage this year, he will give the Catamounts another offensive threat.

"Everyone who watches will hopefully be able to notice that I've worked on my footwork and body control when shooting off the dribble this year. I spent a lot of time this summer working on that and hopefully I can improve my shooting percentage," Accaoui said.

"I've gotten a lot of repetition in and have tried to continuously work on some of my weaknesses as well, such as defense. I do hope to raise the level of my game up and be more of a complete player for our team this season."

Senior guard Nick Veir will also bring valuable experience to the team and will be relied upon as an athletic perimeter defender.

In the end, the success of the Catamounts will depend on the play of Blakely. Despite all of his individual accolades, Blakely makes it clear that the team's success is most important to him.

"Hands down, I would trade [individual awards]; player of the year, defensive player of the year, all of it just to make it to the tournament once. You can have all the awards you want, if you don't win, it doesn't mean anything."

## Women's swimming and diving fluid and winning

The swimmers are off to a 4-0 start after a win at Siena

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's swimming and diving team's speedy start to the season shows that there is great potential in this year's team.

The team's first meet of

the season took place on Oct. 9, hosted by the Army in West Point, N.Y. This meet would kick off the year in a big way as the team came away with three victories against Army, Stony Brook and Boston College.

It was the first time in school history that Vermont has ever beaten BC in the pool.

"Getting those three wins up front, especially the win against Boston College, really sets the tone," head coach Gerry Cournoyer said.

To beat a school like Boston College that has the level of funding that they have, compared to us, really gave our girls a great amount of confidence."

"It was really exciting; we went out there really confident this year and it was a lot of fun," sophomore diver Lauren Colby said.

Cournoyer said that he was pleased with the team's energy coming into a new season, and hopes to build on what the team

has already been able to do.

"The difference between last year and this year is that the upperclassmen came back even more excited and fired up, so with the incoming freshman class that had been training all summer, we're excited and our level of training is higher," Cournoyer said.

Though the team's schedule will remain rigorous during

see Lady Swim on page 11





## ARTS

"Nosferatu" Dracula movie gets a devilish new soundtrack.

6

## LIFE

Convenience and price battle it out for Carshare Vermont.

7

## FEATURE

Why more and more people are going under the needle

2-3

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 10 | Burlington, Vermont

## McAuley is "mayhem"

### Incidents in McAuley raise community concerns

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Cynic Correspondent

When John Montoya, a freshman and resident of McAuley Hall, came home from a party on Oct. 17, he never expected someone to fall out of his second-story window.

A local high school student partying in his dorm on Trinity campus fell two stories while trying to escape RA confrontation, breaking his femur in the process.

The police were already in the dorm for a different incident that night, McAuley resident Krista Pulie said.

"It was really mayhem," Montoya said.

This incident reflects many of the problems that have been occurring at McAuley Hall since the beginning of the semester.

"We have had a very high rate of documentations regarding alcohol and drugs, as well as basic community disrespect," Brian Hooks, residence director of Jeanne Mance and Trinity, said.

"On average, three to four students were detoxed every weekend," he said.

Additionally, UVM Police Services' crime log for October 2009 cited seven fire alarms, two medical assists, four drug offenses and numerous other issues involving alcohol at the hall.

However, some McAuley residents are proud of what has been going on.

"I think President Fogel said that McAuley [floors] two and three are the worst floors in all of UVM and, since UVM is one of the best party schools in the

country, that makes us one of the best party floors," Montoya said.

Although some residents are not concerned, to many, these

**"Since UVM is one of the best party schools in the country, that makes us one of the best party floors."**

John Montoya  
UVM freshman and  
McAuley resident

incidents are still a problem.

"Parents have called asking,

"What's going on at Trinity?" When that's happening, it is clear that something needs to be done," said Stacey Miller, director of Residential Life.

Hooks held a mandatory meeting for all McAuley residents the morning after the incident, where students were told they would be in lock down and receive no more warnings from RAs.

According to several students, Hooks was amazed that the destructive behavior escalated to this point.

"[Hooks] said it was a disgrace that he was called back here at two in the morning," freshman and McAuley resident Ben Weigher said. "He said he wants us to have fun, but we had taken it way past that."

The cause of all these problems may be that McAuley

is an all-freshman dorm — a situation the University tries to discourage, Miller said.

"When first-year students come, they tend to test the boundaries more," Miller said.

According to UVM Police Services, 68 out of the 128 students detoxed in 2009 were freshmen and 74 out of the 128 detoxes that occurred happened in residence halls.

Despite the attempt to avoid all-freshman halls, with such a large freshman class, it is inevitable, Miller said.

Staffing is also an issue — this year McAuley Hall's 167 freshman residents are overseen by only three RAs.

Students are raising questions about what the University plans to do next year when they admit an even larger freshman class.

## Students request open dialogue with administration

### UVM sanction results reveal a need for discussions

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

Students are hoping the administration will agree to participate in a proposed open dialogue about the University's budget and priorities.

Last year's Waterman protesters face a deadline of Nov. 30 to complete the University-mandated punishment, a written sanction.

The sanction was intended to make students reflect upon their actions, Troy Headrick, assistant director of the Center for Student Ethics & Standards, said.

Those students who didn't feel they could adequately express themselves within the sanction's guidelines were given the option to meet and have a discussion, Headrick said.

Some students want to take this one step further — nine of the 33 students arrested last April are proposing a group discussion with University President Daniel Mark Fogel, Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate and Headrick.

Instead of completing their sanctions, the nine students are suggesting the meeting in a letter addressed to Fogel.

"Reflection is not a one-

way process," sophomore Luke Neumann, one of the nine students proposing the open dialogue, said.

"We want the meeting open [for] the public to watch," Neumann said. "But keep the reflecting limited to people present that night."

Neumann was arrested at Waterman and was arrested a second time for a bureaucratic error that had him missing a mis-scheduled court date.

"[The administration] wasn't listening when 1,000 students walked out of class," Neumann said. "We want dialogue and responsiveness from the administration."

Waterman protestor and senior Ben Silverman said that he feels students are left "out of the loop" with regard to the actions



Student protesters await arrest in Waterman last semester.

and decisions being made by the administration.

"With tuition increases are corresponding increases in the size of the administration," Silverman said.

"We are already the most expensive public school in the country," he said.

Silverman said that he feels the need for a better way for students to be informed.

"E-mails aren't working, they aren't enough," Silverman said. "We need to initiate some public talk ... face-to-face interactions between the administration and the students," he said.

Neumann said that he is looking forward to the meetings.

"The University wanted us to reflect individually," Neumann said. "But we are trying to get everyone to reflect together."





"I've definitely seen the change from more of a biker-ish type of clientele — maybe on the criminal edge side — to professional people, students, moms, dads, grandmas. Everyone gets tattoos now."

Shamus Parker (pictured)  
Tattoo artist and owner of Body  
Art Tattoo Parlor



# TATTOO ARTISTS MARK NEW CLIENTS

Your future boss probably will not care if you get those Lady Gaga lyrics tattooed across your back.

You still might regret it, though.

Originally, markers of accomplishment or signs of membership to certain groups, such as tribes, sailors or gang members, tattoos once held a certain taboo connotation in mainstream Western society.

"Outside of certain contexts, tattoos were marks of 'deviance' because they were associated mostly with outlaws and inmates," UVM sociology professor Kathy Fox said.

In the past few decades, the status of tattoos has transformed into something so popular that they've lost the majority of their stigma.

"I've been tattooing 31 years," Shamus Parker, tattoo artist and owner of Body Art tattoo parlor in Burlington, said.

"I've definitely seen the change from more of a bikerish type of clientele — maybe on the criminal edge side — to professional people, students, moms, dads, grandmas. Everyone gets tattoos now."

Currently, tattooing and body piercing is the fifth fastest growing industry in the world, Parker said.

This increase in popularity and acceptance can be attributed to the shift in the tattoo's public perception.

"They are no longer associated only with 'outsider' culture and are somewhat standard on college campuses," Fox said.

Contributing to their acceptance is the increase of tattoos shown in popular culture, Parker said.

"I think it began when you started to see a lot of sports figures with tattoos, celebrities, people in movies," Parker said.

Seeing tattoos on role models, rather than social deviants, lends a certain legitimacy to them,

Parker said.

Considering tattoos through a more artistic lens also aids in legitimizing ink.

Parker said that, if a person would spend \$10,000 for a painting on their wall, why would they not want to wear it around?

An important contributing factor to the view of tattoos as a kind of artwork is the increased customization of tattoos. Gone are the days when roses, dice and hearts with a name written across a ribbon were the most popular choices.

"Years ago it was like you got to choose from some designs on the wall," Parker said.

"Now it's more custom. We draw right for people on the spot. It's pretty much more their idea now. It's really true art, not number 99 on the wall."

The website of Burlington tattoo parlor Yankee Tattoo underscores the connection between customization of tattoos and the increased diversity of the people who get them.

"Our clients are as different as the tattoos they choose," the website stated. "From punks to professionals, bikers to bankers, young and old. Anyone can be tattooed."

The individuality in tattoo designs signifies a noteworthy evolution of tattoos as indicators of personal expression.

People often get tattoos today as a declaration of what is important to them personally, sophomore Alex Haller, who has three tattoos, said.

"It's like imprinting something you believe," Haller said. "It tells a lot about you at a certain point in your life."

Tattoos are now used to mark important events in people's lives, Fox said.

"Middle-aged people will get a tattoo sometimes to mark getting through a painful period, like a divorce or recovery," she said.

With the changing incentive

to get tattooed and their growing popularity, tattoos are becoming more accepted, even in the workforce.

"The business world has become much more tolerant in general," business professor Barbara McIntosh said.

"If you're coming in with a high grade point average and have proven yourself in a number of ways, they're probably not going to bat an eye — unless it's a particularly conservative industry."

There is still somewhat of a stigma in some conservative industries, like working on Wall Street, McIntosh said.

With the trends of modern tattoos, however, this problem can be avoided.

"If that should concern somebody, they shouldn't get tattoos in a location where it's obvious," Haller said. "I didn't get mine high enough or low enough that it would be a problem."

Many people seem to take this into consideration now, with areas such as the back, rib area and feet becoming more popular, because of their ability to be hidden, Parker said. With an increased demand and increased acceptance, the more mainstream popularity of tattoos doesn't seem to be a fad.

"As long as people continue to do beautiful ink on people, it will continue to grow," Parker said.

Still, the draw of tattoos does not extend to everyone. There are still a number of reasons that some people choose to remain tattoo-free.

Freshman Melissa Montero said she thought about getting a tattoo, but decided against it.

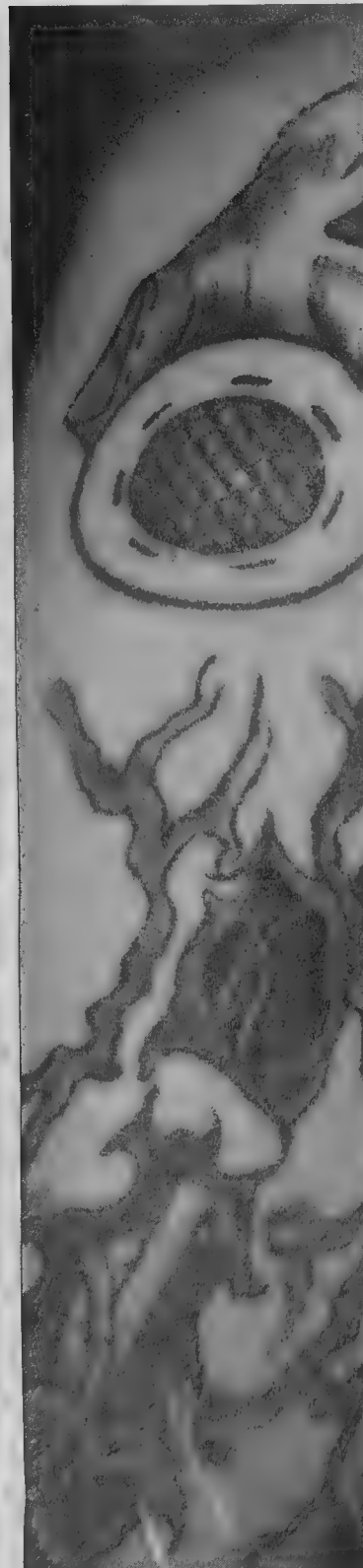
"I'm a blood donor, my dad would kill me, I'm thinking about my professional career and it was out of rebelliousness. It was just me wanting to be like, 'Hey, I can do whatever the hell I want to.' That wasn't a good enough reason," she said.

It is only fitting that with something that has become such a personal thing, people have personal reasons for deciding to get, or not get, a tattoo.

The cultural context of tattoos, however, is quite different than it once was, and is much more accepting.

"There are still norms around tattoos," Fox said. "But generally they are not as stigmatized as they once were."

By Julia Weichert  
Photos by Ellen Brunsgaard



Brant Newton shows off his tattoos on his chest (below), left upper arm (above) and his right forearm (left). Brant started getting tattoos when he was 15.



Georgia Jones, piercer for four and a half years shows off her tattoo on her chest.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## PR Manager

Elizabeth Crawford  
ecrawfor@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

Preventing  
flu at UVM

As the swine flu sweeps through our campus and students fall victim to both the H1N1 and seasonal flu, it is important to know the facts surrounding vaccination and to help do your part to keep a University-wide flu pandemic from occurring.

First, flu vaccines are effective and imperative to combating the flu. They are necessary for preventing and containing the illness.

Rumors regarding the safety of vaccines, such as that they will cause brain disorders and autism, have circulated for many years. However, these arguments are based on faulty science and flimsy evidence.

According to Christopher Grace, the Director of Infectious Disease at Fletcher Allen Health Hospital and a professor of medicine at UVM, the vaccines for H1N1 and seasonal flu are safe and well tested. Furthermore, they are necessary.

By not getting vaccinated, you not only put yourself at risk, but you increase the risk of transmitting the flu to high risk students, such as those suffering from diabetes or asthma, he said.

Although it is very important that students get vaccinated, there is a shortage of H1N1 vaccine.

Because of the slow process required to produce the vaccine and the timing of the H1N1 virus, vaccine manufacturing companies and the federal government are having trouble producing and distributing an adequate amount of vaccine.

That said, students and faculty must remain patient and do as much as they can to prevent spreading the flu while we wait for more.

Students must remember to wash their hands frequently. *The Cynic* also recommends buying disinfectant wipes and routinely cleaning your living spaces.

If you are feeling ill, it is also necessary that you stay home to minimize the community's exposure to the flu.

This may mean missing class, but the faculty and staff are well aware of the potential for this pandemic amongst college-aged students.

In a letter to the UVM community, the University president's Chief of Staff, Gary Derr, wrote to the faculty, "Pandemics such as this occur less than once a generation; we ask that you factor the unique nature of this event into your approach to students who find themselves dealing with this illness as you implement your class policies related to assignment deadlines, attendance and testing."

Therefore, it is important to eat well, wash your hands, maintain a clean living space, use hand sanitizer and, most of all, get the vaccine when it is available.

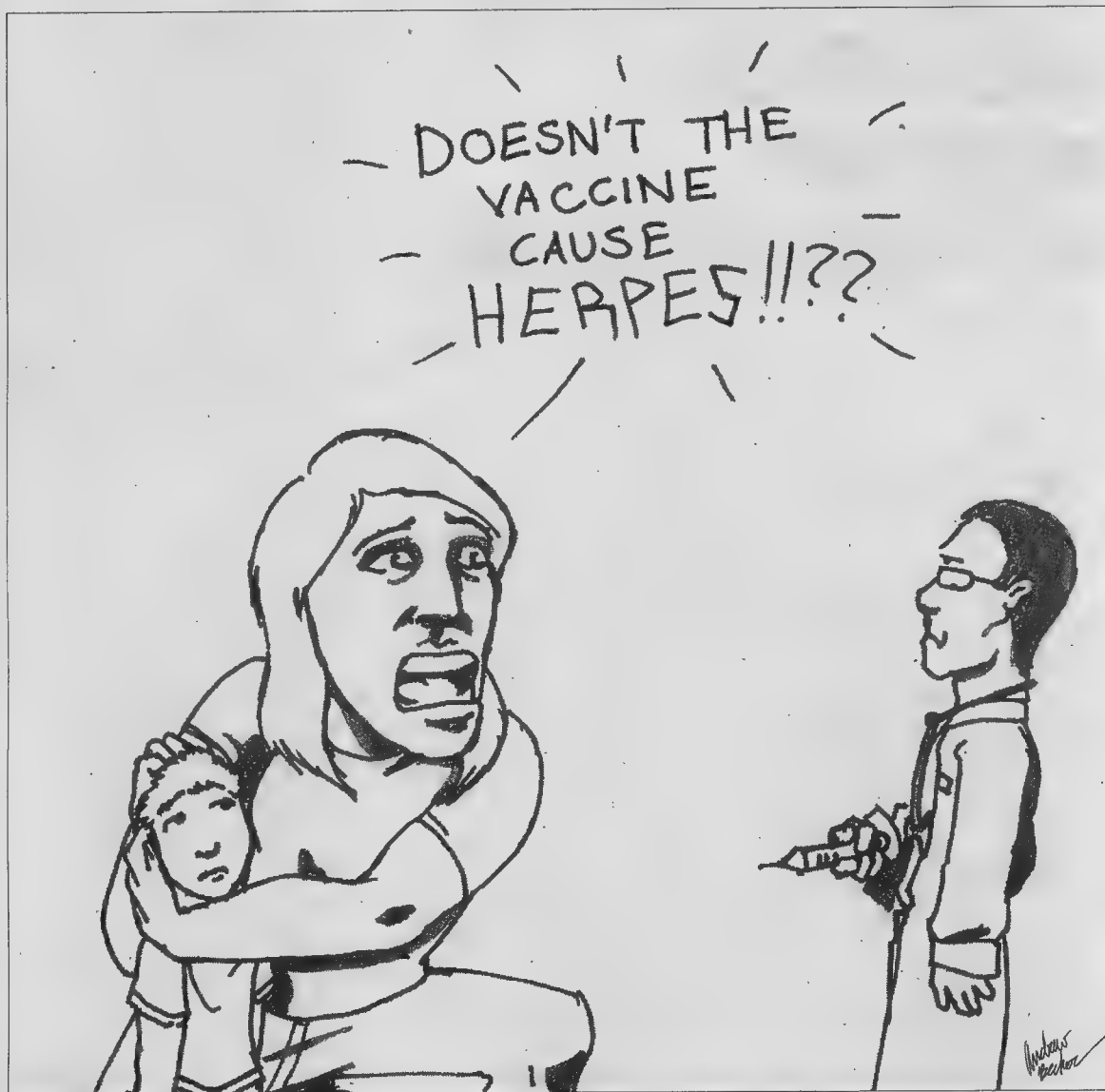
## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"If you really need a nap, you're far better off taking a nap than ignoring your body and being tired during takeoff and landing,"**

— KIT DARBY, A PILOT WHO SAID HE TOOK THE OCCASIONAL MID-FLIGHT NAP DURING HIS 30-YEAR CAREER AT SEVERAL MAJOR AIRLINES

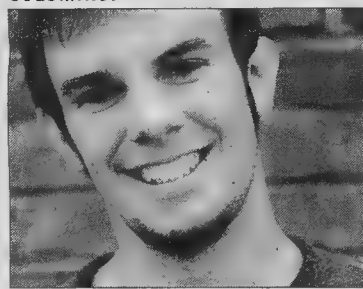
Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words.

Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).



To clarify our editorial "Overreacting to the lax party," written on Oct. 13, issue 7, hazing is defined by University policy as including incidents where there is no coercion. Thus, even if an event occurs with consent, that event can still be considered hazing.

## COLUMNIST



JEFF AYERS

Craigslist  
gives hope  
to homeless

What do you and the man with the "Will Work for Food" sign have in common? Chances are you're both spending time online.

It appears the Internet has replaced the shopping cart as the "must have" accessory of beggars all over.

Just ask Kevin Boudreau, former MIT frat house cook, who has recently posted ads on Craigslist asking for donations in the form of camping gear to see him through the rough winter season ahead.

Boudreau is just one member of the recent influx of Internet

panhandlers. This clever move allows destitute individuals to beg in a less conventional way, with the potential to reach many more people.

People can log on from local shelters and quickly create an ad on Craigslist or make their own webpage — they even exchange ideas and information with each other via online forums.

I view the "wiring" of the cyber beggars as a positive move toward cleaning up the streets and providing opportunities for people that are truly in need.

With basic Internet skills, individuals are more equipped to search for jobs on a multitude of employment websites.

Of course, as with everything, there are the naysayers.

I was surprised to see a large number of comments denouncing this new brand of "cyber begging" in response to *The Boston Globe's* article profiling Boudreau's pursuit of camping equipment.

Most of the negative comments were along the lines of: "Wouldn't their time and ingenuity be better spent looking for an actual job, rather than a handout?"

My response is this: I don't believe the two pursuits to be

mutually exclusive. In fact, I believe that replacing street corner petitioning with online ads frees up more time for the job search.

Time that used to be spent holding a cardboard sign on the sidewalk can now be used searching for employment in a more time-efficient manner.

That's the beautiful thing about online ads — once they are created they survive on their own with little maintenance required.

Also, there is a negative view in society as a whole toward those looking for a handout or a hand up. This is something that I have never really understood — nobody goes through life without receiving help at some point.

Just because not having a place to live makes people on the streets more vocal in their pursuit of help doesn't mean they are a blemish on society.

Their creativity in seeking the World Wide Web as route to a better life should be applauded, not scorned.

I just hope that Boudreau joins Facebook because I'd love to be his friend.

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

There's war in the air again. Yes, it appears that Obama is the trigger-happiest president since ... well, since Bush. Not only is he contemplating further escalating the war in Afghanistan, he's taken the battle to a domestic foe — Fox News — and the fighting has been heated. White House staffers have fired numerous quasi-insults at Rupert Murdoch's news behemoth, going as far as questioning their journalistic credentials. Fox seems all too ready to revel in the fight. It's now become clear that the Bush years were a period of relative quiet for the once-fledgling organization. With Obama in the White House, Fox News has unleashed a full-scale assault on him, his party and anything he does while he's awake. How bad is it? In a stunning reversal of fortune, Bill O'Reilly

# Fox lowers standards for journalism

has assumed the unlikely role of Fox News's sane person — that's how bad. Taking everything into account, this war of words is hardly surprising. Now, whatever you say about Fox, you have to admit they're doing something right. Their ratings are higher than CNN's and MSNBC's put together. Who would have thought there was such a market for sensationalism and fearmongering? In any case, they're clearly a major force in news and arguably the force in cable news. But for all their tough talk and pride in their own success, they still jump at any opportunity to claim victimization. When the Obama administration made the claim that Fox wasn't a real news network, Fox contributor Charles Krauthammer responded, "It is one thing for the government, the administration, to attack opponents, institutions, media. It is another to go out and try and delegitimize them and destroy them." Maybe it's just me, but conservatives who accuse their counterparts — African Americans, feminists, etc. — of

unfairly playing the victim card should have a backbone when the president is a little mean to them. I think it's clear that I have little to no respect for Fox News.

## But for all their tough talk and pride in their own success, they still jump at any opportunity to claim victimization.

That said, there are some genuinely important issues at work in this back-and-forth between Fox and the Obama Administration. Foremost is the place of neutrality in the news. It's quite clear that Fox ditched the neutrality shtick a while ago. Here's the question: does that matter? Historically speaking, neutral political coverage wasn't the exception, it was the rule. It was only in the 20th century that neutrality became the gold standard of good political journalism.

From the advent of political coverage, media outlets were predominantly partisan. Though Fox is the most blatant, they're not the only one. In fact, the real issue now is which is more detrimental: blatant partisanship or stealthy partisanship? Very few people would argue that MSNBC, CNN or any of the major national newspapers are void of partisanship. They're not. So, even in the less overtly opinionated networks, the biases remain there, stealthily influencing people's perception of the news. So what's more pernicious, subtle or obvious bias? Personally, I'm a strong believer in neutrality. I've found much more quality coverage in outlets that make an effort to address both sides. At the end of the day, there's one enduring and uncomfortable truth. Fox News isn't going anywhere. Obama isn't going anywhere. It looks like we've got another quagmire on our hands.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

# Is grammar gone in our generation?

Plz dun stop readin ma column b/c of grammatical errs + typos im jus tryin 2 make a pt cuz I <3 a good rofl as much as the next person. Sometimes I feel like I'm getting lol-ed to death with all the acronyms and textspeak that flood my inboxes.

## Proper English is not the haughty language of the elite — it's your language, too!

I never really knew how often textspeak terms like pwn, cuz, noob, pic, u, lol and whatev surrounded us until I started looking for them — they're everywhere! Like most things, there is a time and a place for everything. Texting, tweeting, poking, blogging, sending smoke signals — whatever it is you do to social network, go right ahead, butcher the English language. However, these media for expression have become an integral part of our everyday lives and the limiting language we use in the online world has begun to surface in the real one. I don't want to drop specific names, but I've read some

essays, letters and e-mails that are borderline illegible. Like immersing yourself in another country and picking up the lingo, we use textspeak so often that its use has almost become instinctual. I'm not saying you have to send grammatically correct texts to your best friend, but when you start a Blackboard post with "Sup?" and proceed to use worse syntax than Fred Flintstone, you're going to lose some credibility. If you want your professor to take you seriously, don't say you're "missin class cuz of a meetin w/ a dif prof sry." When I bring up the subject of textspeak and the impending demise of the English language, the opposing argument I hear most often is that if you can read something, it is legible. While this may be true, it doesn't necessarily mean it is right. Think of it this way: English is like a mathematical formula. Seeing "2+2=5" would make a math major cringe. With English, certain properly spelled words and punctuation must go in specific syntactical spots or your sentence and speech will make about as much sense as a Cheech and Chong movie. Proper English is not the haughty language of the elite — it's your language, too! Don't butcher it. Good grammar is not only correct, but a good way to get on your professors' good sides as well. Think of all the papers they have to read. As a T-shirt I've seen around campus reads: "Good grammar gets me hot." So next time you decide to text, tweet, blog, poke or send smoke signals, don't think the spell-check is the catch-all — learn the rules of the language. And please, don't lol anyone to death, either. k thx.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



KATELYN MOHEN

# Renewing an old addiction

Envision five years from now teachers telling students not to vaporize tobacco. However unlikely this scenario may seem now, vaporized cigarettes will become a well-known and warned-against product in the near future. This battery-powered device resembles a normal cigarette, but an atomizer located within the gadget delivers one puff of a vaporized mix of nicotine and flavorings without certain additives and the tar of a regular cigarette. It also produces a fine mist when exhaled that resembles that of actual tobacco smoke. Though electronic cigarette distributors do not advertise the device as a way to cut down on tobacco intake, Matt Salmon, a spokesman for the Electronic Cigarette Association, claims "It's a really good alternative for people who smoke tobacco." This is due in part to the regulating option of the device's inner chamber where the amount of nicotine can be both increased and decreased manually by the user. Despite its benefits for tobacco junkies, the FDA has prohibited the import of E-Cigarettes from China, the main supplier of the gadget, into the United States. However, enough of these vaporizing products exist in the country to continue being distributed by E-Cigarette

companies on the web and in malls across the U.S. Hardly any tests or evidence have been conducted on the smokeless cigarettes, establishing a strong caution amongst health officials of the product, but no regulation from the FDA. With its increasing popularity, the FDA holds a responsibility to the American people to conduct greater research into the E-Cigarette and the true effects it has on users. Strict regulations must be imposed on the device to prevent its trendy appeal from influencing the young and old alike who do not need to become hooked on such an equally, if not more, addictive version of the common cigarette. According to a representative from ECigarettesChoice.com, Electronic Cigarettes are unavailable to minors across the country as they contain nicotine. However, this does not mean kids and teens are unable to get their hands on the tobacco gadget. As is common knowledge, anything is attainable with money and connections, and kids have always been cleverer than adults give them credit for. Mariah Sanderson, coordinator of the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community, cites that the risks associated with smokeless cigarettes are not as severe in terms of the risk the inhaled and secondhand smoke the device creates. Yet nicotine remains ever-present and a serious factor in the harm smokeless cigarettes are capable of inflicting on users. Additionally, she finds it worrisome the success the Tobacco Industry has found with the Electronic Cigarette in its plight to expose and normalize cigarettes in the public eye once again. *Katelyn Mohen is a freshman English major. She has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Don't mess with tradition

Dear Editor, In my time at UVM, no Universitywide decision has concerned me as much as the most recent cancellation of the Graduate Hooding Ceremony and the consolidation of the Graduation Ceremonies. I feel that the generic and impersonal nature of the "new" graduation ceremony does not speak to the true character of the state of Vermont or that of the University. Students do not come here to be just another number. These individualized events, such as the separate hooding and graduation ceremonies, make UVM unique. Homogenizing the school into one giant diploma factory detracts from this uniqueness. My main concern regards the cancellation of the Hooding Ceremony. I feel that that it was a wonderful way to represent and honor those students who have dedicated the last several years of their lives to pursuing higher education at the Master's and Doctoral levels. I realize that, in the end, every decision comes down to money, especially in this harsh economic climate. However, I feel that a separate, on-campus Hooding Ceremony is economically feasible and could still be realistically accomplished. My second concern regards the University's decision to have one Graduation Ceremony. The "all-inclusive" graduation ceremony sounds like a logistical nightmare to me. While this type of ceremony was conducted in the 1970s, the current enrollment is approximately double what it was then. Even when the colleges had separate ceremonies, I can attest to the fact that it took hours to simply announce and read student names in my graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. I cannot imagine the sheer length of a ceremony where more than 2,000 student names are called onto stage. I feel that the growth of the University's enrollment warrants individual ceremonies; and furthermore that the students deserve the recognition given by those ceremonies. What about thinking and drafting some cost-saving alternatives? One suggestion would be to utilize some of our on-campus venues, such as the Davis Center. Multiple ceremonies could be held back to back in such on-campus locations so as to maximize the savings. Ultimately, the most valuable piece we all take away from our experience at the University of Vermont is our education. Many of us have made sacrifices and have passionately dedicated our time and effort in the pursuit of higher education. As a University committed to such pursuits, we should acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our students by recognizing them individually in separate college ceremonies. Sincerely, Courtney E. Howard, Undergrad Class of 2003, M.B.A. Class of 2010



11.03-11.09

wed

STUDIO ART  
ADJUNCT FACULTY  
EXHIBIT OPENING  
RECEPTION  
5 p.m.  
Colburn Gallery

"FROM THE DANUBE  
TO THE HUDSON"  
UVM CATAMOUNT  
SINGERS CHORAL  
CONCERT  
7:30 p.m.  
Southwick Recital Hall

thurs

WEST AFRICAN  
DANCE AND DRUM  
FESTIVAL  
5:30 p.m.  
Burlington City Hall  
Auditorium

fri

VILLANELLES  
9 p.m.  
The Monkey House,  
Winooski

sat

RADIO BEAN 9TH  
BIRTHDAY BASH  
8 a.m. - 2 a.m.  
Radio Bean

GUSTER  
9 p.m.  
Higher Ground  
Ballroom

sun

VERMONT WIND  
ENSEMBLE  
7:30 p.m.  
Southwick Recital Hall

NAPOLEON'S  
OBSESSION: 'QUEST  
FOR EGYPT' FILM  
3 p.m.  
Fleming Museum

mon

BROTHER ALI  
EVIDENCE  
9 p.m.  
Higher Ground  
Ballroom

The Devil Music Ensemble performs a live score to vintage film "Nosferatu" at the Fleming Museum. The Boston-based trio, who compose and perform soundtracks to classic silent movies, complimented the horror flick with electronic and guitar sounds.

## Ensemble refines soundtrack to intensify silent horror film

HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cyclic

By Katie Ida  
Asst. Features Editor

The whining of the violin and the strong drumbeats of the Devil Music Ensemble replaced the screams and creepy shower scenes of modern horror movies that were absent in the silent film "Nosferatu."

The Devil Music Ensemble, founded in 1999 by Brendon Wood, is a trio of artists from Boston who compose and perform live soundtracks to classic silent films.

On Oct. 24, the Devil Music Ensemble performed a thrilling score to "Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror," a German horror film from 1922, as part of the Robert Hull Fleming Museum's Lane Series.

"It just seemed like a film that we could make a good soundtrack

to," Devil Music percussionist Tim Nylander said.

"Nosferatu" is essentially an adaptation of Bram Stoker's original "Dracula" that was released in 1897.

The villain Count Orlok, secretly the demon vampire Nosferatu, with his intense eyeliner and evil scheming, contrasted the bourgeois protagonists, husband and wife Thomas and Ellen Hutter.

The sounds from the Devil Music Ensemble contributed to the dramatic elements of the film already present.

An eerie bell chimed and electronic sounds built tension as the fight to defeat the Count began.

Black screens with scrolled edges interrupted the faded black and white scenes to narrate the over-dramatic ones.

The ominous shadow of Count Orlok instilled paralyzing fear in the characters, while eliciting giggles from the audience.

"It is a very different take of Dracula," 2005 UVM grad Rich Ketcham said.

The music of the Devil Music Ensemble held the pace of the movie and contributed substantially to the emotions of the characters.

The matching marching drum to announce the threat of plague to the Hutter's small town created a sense of believability in the antique film.

As their enthusiastic applause and comments indicated, the audience agreed that the score perfectly complimented the film. The juxtaposition of the electronic sounds and guitar with the over-dramatic scenes of the 1922 film produced a unique experience.

"It's definitely something that you don't see very often," sophomore Austin Underwood said. "I like the modern take on the soundtrack, with the guitar and the keyboard."

The Devil Music Ensemble began writing film scores six years ago, they said.

"Nosferatu," a Halloween hit, is the third feature-length film that the ensemble has composed a score for, Nylander said.

The ensemble initially produced improv music until they were asked to write a score to "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" at a Boston film festival, which became pretty successful, Nylander said.

Now, performing for the Burlington community a second time as part of the Lane Series, the Devil Music Ensemble is playing sold-out shows to captivated audiences.

## Adapted tale lures hipsters

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

"Where the Wild Things Are" may be a movie based on Maurice Sendak's children's book, but it's definitely not a childish take on the classic tale.

Spike Jonze's film adaptation expands the short book into a feature-length film, but it manages to stay mostly true to the classic tale — a young boy named Max escaping the ridicule of his frustrated mother to sail away to where the wild things are.

While the heart that has made the book so beloved remains intact, the movie uses its longer length to delve deeper into the emotions felt by Max and the wild things.

There are a few darker moments that result, and this, coupled with a soundtrack to make a hipster swoon, makes it clear that the target audience

of the film is different from the target market of the book.

With golden light and sweeping panoramas, the cinematography of "Where the Wild Things Are" is nothing short of beautiful.

With a soundtrack featuring Karen O. and other members of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs in addition to members from the Raconteurs and a chorus of children, the music is an indie fan's dream.

The movie is practically pre-packaged for the Urban Outfitters crowd, which was clearly not coincidental, as the hipster store had a special selection of items on sale relating to the film when it was released.

The movie is more than stunning scenery and easy-to-love music.

At its core, "Where the Wild Things Are" is a movie about a lonely kid and the strength, courage and hope he finds inside

of himself.

Despite the strategic marketing used to increase the film's anticipation, the story still remains central to why the movie is successful.

Anyone who ever felt lonely as a child can relate to the emotion conveyed in the film.

That said, the aesthetic quality of the film undoubtedly enhances the experience of "Where the Wild Things Are," making it enjoyable on multiple levels.

While "Where the Wild Things Are" may not be a film for children, it is sure to produce a healthy dose of nostalgia for those who once loved the book.



4.5 / 5





# Nature refreshes student spirituality

Campus ministry provides insight through outdoor experiences



GEOFF FOX | The Vermont Cynic

Lifeline staff member Mike Bazemore leads participants on hike up to Stowe Pinnacle. Lifelines is a Christian ministry on campus that uses the outdoors to encourage self-reflection.

By Henry Bond  
Staff Writer

It could be said that many students come to UVM in search of some wicked ski slopes, but Lifelines, a Christian ministry on campus, gives students a new way to look at those classic Vermont mountains.

"Students are at odds with so many things during this phase of their lives," three-year Lifelines facilitator Jon Ayers said. "Lifelines is a rope for students to grab onto, a resource to help them navigate these waters."

Lifelines uses the outdoor experience to help students build character, find leadership and develop relationships, according to the Lifelines website.

A subset of Campus Crusade for Christ, a Christian ministry for college students, Lifelines helps facilitate conversation about Christian spirituality, their website stated.

The group isn't exclusively Christian — 80 percent of students who participate in the trips don't come from churchgoing backgrounds, Ayers said.

To these students, Lifelines' outdoor experiences are a way to relate activity-oriented challenges to the challenges they face back on campus, another Lifelines facilitator Heather Litchfield said.

"We want students to learn about themselves," she said. "We want them to relate the things we talk about in our programs back to their lives, so each trip we talk about a different virtue ... hope, courage, trust, teamwork, communication."

Ayers said that his goal is to pose questions for the students, but that the students often lead the conversations.

"You can allow yourself to be totally vulnerable," sophomore and Lifelines participant Julia Vanderwoude said.

Lifelines promotes healthy relationships between students by introducing the notion of safety.

"Safety in the sense that students should feel comfortable taking risks, expressing how they feel and knowing that their ideas will be met with love and full acceptance," Litchfield said.

Issue of growth and self-understanding are important to Lifelines facilitators as well.

"The vision of Lifelines is to raise up spiritual leaders who will meet the pressing needs of

**"Lifelines is a rope for students to grab onto, a resource to help them navigate these waters."**

Jon Ayers  
Lifelines facilitator

the world and offer true hope," Litchfield said.

This spring, Lifelines will take its second-annual trip to Guatemala, where students will provide care for orphans living in the local communities.

"You realize how much you have and how much you can give," Vanderwoude, who participated in the Guatemala trip last year, said.

Ayers said that the reason he is excited to be at UVM is that it is a community where students really do care.

"They are compassionate," he said.

## Carshare program spreads the love

Nonprofit uses cars to build community

By Megan Fitzgerald  
Cynic Correspondent

While "community" might bring to mind a cozy neighborhood, it can be found with cars, too.

Building community is just what Carshare Vermont is trying to do, Carshare's Executive Director Annie Borden said.

Carshare Vermont, a new nonprofit organization, hopes "to provide a convenient, affordable and reliable alternative to owning a car that enhances the environmental, social and economic well-being of our region and planet," their website stated.

Currently, the organization has nine cars — each of which has its own personalized name.

The growth rate of members has been steady, and they are on their way to being a self-sufficient company, Borden said.

More than 400 members have joined in the brief time Carshare has been operating; UVM students are also a part of this group.

Senior Elizabeth Kerschner uses it to get to doctor appointments and visit friends. She said that the service was "convenient," but to her it's not just about sharing cars, it's about creating "community."

When you sit in a Subaru located behind Morrill Hall, you may find CDs that other

owners or the company have left, Kerschner said.

This shared music collection is one way that Carshare tries to provide community.

Junior Zach Realberg has only been a member for a short while, but he said "without it, it would be impossible to get where I need to go."

Carshare makes it easy to get "away," providing mobility and freedom, he said.

Both Kerschner and Realberg said that cost puts a limit on how many times they use the service.

To take a two-day trip to Boston using Carshare, it would cost \$162.80, which includes gas and insurance, according to the Carshare price chart.

Although this may be cheaper than alternative transportation — particularly if the bill is split four ways — it's still costly for students who aren't making much of an income.

There are also extra charges for not returning the car on time, which can be difficult for college students with hectic schedules and lives.

However, convincing people to live without a car will be Carshare's biggest obstacle for their expansion, Borden said.

Regardless of these factors, Carshare has future plans to expand to Williston and add more cars, Borden said.

This little nonprofit doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon.

## ADVOCATE

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR WORLD

Open house for prospective JD and master's students  
**Saturday, November 14 | 9:00 AM–3:30 PM**  
 RSVP at 802-831-1239

- Environmental law, policy, and public service
- Scholarships and financial aid
- International and experiential options
- Meet faculty, students, and alumni
- Full-time and flexible scheduling

**VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**  
[www.vermontlaw.edu](http://www.vermontlaw.edu)



The Adventures of Joel & Chris by Andrew Becker

It's just not the same ...

Joel! Mind explaining what this was doing next to my hospital bed?

CHRIS FRIEND ETC.

OH MY GOD! Chris you're alive!

Why thank you Joel, you're alive too

Don't you ever #@\$ around with lost 19th Century Super-Technology again!

AH! COME ON!!

NO GOOD REASON by R.Valenti

You're under Arrest

DO NOT FEED BIRDS

R. Valenti

Soap on a Rope's Halloween Fit By Ashley Frisoli

What are you gonna be for halloween?

A Pumpkin.

I'm gonna be A sexy cop...

What are you gonna be?

THAT'S DUMB

Hey, it's the one night all year that I can dress up like a complete stud and let away with it.

Mac Sales and Service

APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc. Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more. Service of PC's as well.

Baha Computer Works, 200 Main street, Burlington.

bahacomputerworks.com -baha@madriver.com

802.279.8756, 802.657.3933

**SPARE TIME**  
Family Fun Center  
**CITY SPORTS GRILLE**

- ◆ Latest State of the art Bowling center!
- ◆ 110" HD Projection TV
- ◆ Over 50 TVs
- ◆ FREE Peanuts
- ◆ Value Priced Pub Style Menu
- ◆ Weekly Drink Specials & Giveaways
- ◆ Entertainment Weekly
- ◆ Two Level Multi-faceted Sports Bar
- ◆ Corporate Parties & Special Functions

**NFL SUNDAY TICKET**  
WATCH ALL YOUR NFL TEAMS HERE

**Live It Up...Go Bowling!**  
**Buy One Game Get One Free!**  
(up to six people)

Limit One Coupon Per Person Per Day. Not Valid Friday or Saturday after 5pm or in conjunction with any other discounted rates. Enjoy by 10/15/09

**MLB Ticket**  
Follow your favorite baseball team here!

sparetimecolchester.com

**STRIKE UP SOME FUN AT SPARE TIME**  
Colchester 655-2720  
Lower Mountain View Drive (across from Costco), Colchester, VT

**THREE BROTHERS**  
Pizza & Grill  
Coca-Cola FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED Coca-Cola

Show your College ID to get **20% OFF** Your Entire Order

Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

**Now accepting CAT Scratch**

Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt coke product and dozen wings

**\$24.99**

Not to be combined with any other offer

www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com  
973 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Colchester, VT  
802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075  
Open Seven Days a Week:  
Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri- Sat 11a-10pm



# VANTAGE POINT

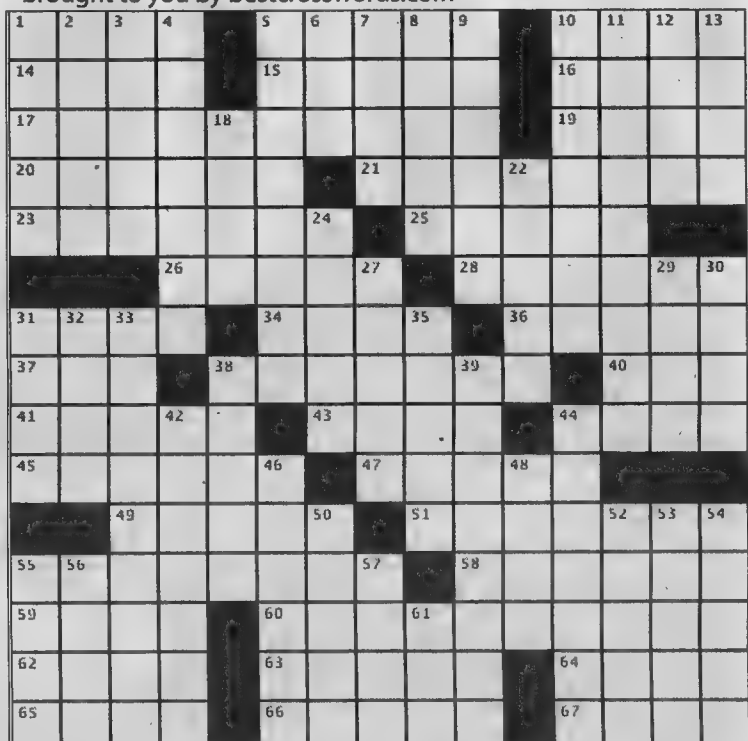
UVM's LITERARY AND VISUAL ARTS JOURNAL

is now accepting  
submissions  
for the fall 2009  
edition

Send your work and questions to  
**VANTAGEP@UVM.EDU**

## Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



### Across

- 1- Edges
- 5- Rustle, as silk
- 10- Starch used in puddings
- 14- Land in water
- 15- Brief appearance
- 16- Children's author Blyton
- 17- Slovenly
- 19- Relocate
- 20- Plunger
- 21- Elderly person
- 23- Like an orb
- 25- Simmons rival
- 26- Having auricular protuberances
- 28- Arrested
- 31- Drinks (as a cat)
- 34- \_\_\_ Rhythm
- 36- Tally
- 37- Exclamation of relief
- 38- Fashionable
- 40- Coffee container
- 41- Examine thoroughly
- 43- Belgian river
- 44- Attention-getter
- 45- Explosive device
- 47- Writer Jong
- 49- Command

### Down

- 51- Lacinate
- 55- In the first place
- 58- Adjust
- 59- Currency unit in Western Samoa
- 60- Quite a bit
- 62- Adult male deer
- 63- Desolate
- 64- Imprint
- 65- \_\_\_ sow, so shall...
- 66- Actress Berger
- 67- Slaughter of baseball

- times, a 1970 war movie
- 22- Rubbish
- 24- Having long gams
- 27- Drench
- 29- Goes astray
- 30- Depression in a surface
- 31- Scandinavian
- 32- River in central Switzerland
- 33- Screenplay
- 35- Layers
- 38- Italian composer
- 39- Ceylon, now
- 42- Artificial barrier in a watercourse
- 44- Hobby
- 46- Discharges from the RAF
- 48- Suffragist Carrie
- 50- Long arm
- 52- Pertaining to people
- 53- Diciembre follower
- 54- Student tables
- 55- \_\_\_ boy!
- 56- Floor coverings
- 57- Type of gun
- 61- Chow down

? **STD** ? **HIV** ?  
? **CDC** ? **HPV**  
? **IUD** ?

GOT  
**QUESTIONS?**

WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

 **Planned Parenthood**  
of Northern New England

DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!

1-800-230-PLAN | [www.opnne.org](http://www.opnne.org) |  [www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)

## Sudoku

### Easy

2		5		7			6
4			9	6			2
				8			4 5
9	8			7	4		
5	7		8		2		6 9
			6	3			5 7
7	5			2			
	6			5	1		2
3			4			5	8

### Hard

4			1				
		9	8	7			1
3						9	
					7	3	
	4	3				1	6
	8		2				
	6						2
7				5	8	6	
					4		9



# CALENDAR

wed. 28: darius goes west (film)

**6.00pm, maple ballroom (dc)**

wed. 28: pub quiz

**9.00pm, brennan's**

thur. 29: rocky horror picture show

**11.00pm, maple ballroom (dc)**

fri. 30: battle of the bands

**8.00pm, brennan's**

sat. 31: candy shoppe!

**10.00pm, davis center**

**uvm.edu/bored**



# Sports shorts

By Jack Stratton Spina

## Men's hockey ranked 10th after tough road loss

Although the men's hockey team had a solid win over No. 12 Boston College on Oct. 18, the Catamounts slipped up in the Oct. 23 contest against Merrimack.

The Cats lost 5-2, dropping them from No. 7 to No. 10 in the national rankings.

With a 2-3 record, and both wins coming against top 15 teams — including top-ranked University of Denver — the team has shown tremendous potential, but they must play week in and week out and win these easier games.

"We still have to be one of the hardest working teams in the country," head coach Kevin Sneed said.

Although it was a tough loss, senior Brayden Irwin scored a goal against the Warriors, extending his four-game point streak.

Also, fellow senior, Kyle Medvec, scored his first goal of the season, becoming the 10th different Catamount to notch a goal this season.

## Women's hockey splits W's with Princeton

The Vermont women's hockey team split a weekend series against Princeton, winning 4-3 on Friday and falling 7-2 on Saturday.

The victory on Friday marked the first time in school history that Vermont defeated the Tigers, previously rendering a 0-9 record against Princeton.

UVM is currently stands at 4-2-0 during its eight-game homestand.

This week, the Cats opened up the ever-difficult inter-conference, Hockey East action, falling to Northeastern in a two-game series and hosting Boston College the coming weekend.

## Swimming and diving remains unbeaten

Last week, the Catamounts swimming and diving team continued their win streak, improving to 4-0 with a home defeat of Siena, 167-124.

This win marks the first time since 2006-07 the team began the season with a 4-0 record.

Junior Kate Weaver recorded three wins, taking first in the 100 (54.22) and 200 (1:54.08) freestyle events, as well as the 100 butterfly (59.57).

Weaver also teamed up with senior Colleen Clark, freshman Abby Mundt and sophomore Hannah Center, breaking the pool record in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:37.07.

Clark was also a multiple-event winner, in the 50 (25.00) and 500 (5:05.95) freestyle events.



# Women's basketball ready for a new chapter

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

The ladies of the women's basketball team are starting a fresh season, coming off a victory in the America East Conference Championship and a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Though the team certainly won't forget last year's accomplishments, they are looking ahead to the season with new goals in mind.

"Resilience is the biggest lesson we learned from last year's championship run," head coach Sharon Dawley said. "With that said, we can't rest on laurels. That was last year, this is a new year — we've got a new team and it's time to start a new chapter."

Though it is a new year, there are still some familiar faces wearing the Catamounts uniform. Notably, seniors May Kotsopoulos and Courtney Pilypaitis return for their final season with the team.

"It's almost mindboggling ... how much they've done," Dawley said. "I can't imagine the program without them and I don't think we are ever going to be able to put into words what they've done."

The team also welcomes six freshmen to the squad, who hope to assist in carrying on the winning tradition.

"I'm excited about our freshman class," Dawley said. "They are all very athletic, they have good size and they are all really competitive."

"It's going to be a hard season but it's going to be fun," freshman Kendra Seto said.

Among the new team members on the roster, Vermont native Rachel Wellman brings an emotional attachment and history to the locker room, having watched Vermont basketball while she was growing up.

"The players and the

coaches as a team work so hard to get where they are and do what they do," Wellman said. "It's an honor to play with them and be coached by them and I'm definitely excited to represent a player from Vermont."

The team will have to get past some tough obstacles if

they want to improve upon last year's accomplishments.

Their schedule is a tough one, which includes a rematch with NCAA tournament opponent UConn Huskies in December.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. We had a blast last year and I think it not being in the NCAA (tournament) will take a little pressure off," Pilypaitis said about the UConn rematch. "I think it's going to be a learning experience and we are all pretty excited for it."

The coaches of America East seem to think that the ladies can overcome any challenges this season, selecting Vermont as No. 1 in the preseason poll for the second consecutive year.

The Catamounts received five out of a possible eight first place votes from the coaches.

Kotsopoulos and Pilypaitis were also given preseason honors by being voted to the America East Preseason All-Conference Team.

"It's flattering to earn the top spot in the preseason poll and to be thought of this way by the other coaches in the league," Dawley said.

"We have a lot of good teams in our conference so to be picked number one was an honor for us, but at the same time we know that it really doesn't mean anything," Pilypaitis added. "It's just going to bring out the best in all of the teams in the conference."

The team started the season on Oct. 31 with a preseason game win against Laval (Canada), 72-43.



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Senior star May Kotsopoulos defends freshman Lauren Wheeler during the season-opening inter-squad scrimmage. Kotsopoulos's defensive prowess will help the Cats defend their conference title.

## San Diego Chargers vs. New York Giants Pick Giants

Eli Manning was drafted first overall in the 2004 NFL draft by the San Diego Chargers. But he apparently did not want to play in San Diego, so he complained and orchestrated a trade to the Giants in exchange for Phillip Rivers.

Eli wanted to be on a better team and this game will show why he was right.

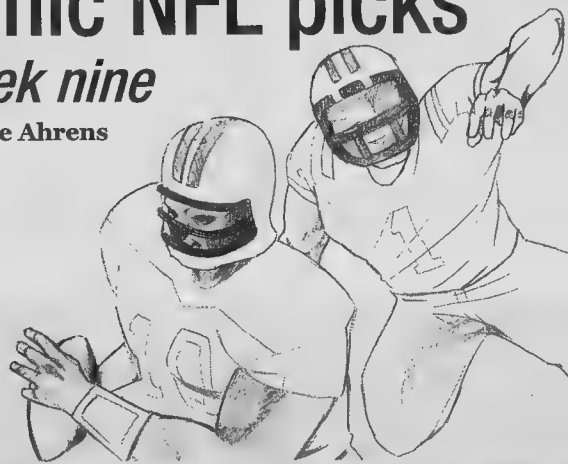
## Baltimore Ravens vs. Cincinnati Bengals Pick Ravens

The first time around, the Bengals beat the Ravens 17-14 on a last-second touchdown. This game will be different. The Bengals are definitely one of the surprise teams in the league this year, but I think when they amassed close to 400 yards against the Ravens' D in week five, it was a fluke.

The Ravens will shut down Cedric Benson — I never thought I would say that Benson was a key player to look out for — and pull out the win.

# Cynic NFL picks week nine

By Jake Ahrens



## Dallas Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles Pick Cowboys

The last time these two division rivals played was at the end of the regular season last year, and the Eagles embarrassed the 'Boys to the tune of 44-6.

I'm not sure why, but I think the fortunes will be reversed in this Sunday night game. McNabb is just too inconsistent for me to take the Eagles two weeks in a row, and, because I took them last week, I can't take them this week.

## Miami Dolphins vs. New England Patriots Pick Patriots

The Patriots hate the Dolphins and want to destroy them in this, the first of two games, between these divisional opponents.

Three reasons why I think the Patriots will win: they have the Wildcat offense figured out, the Dolphins are hurting in the secondary and the Patriots always play Miami tough in Foxboro.

## Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Denver Broncos Pick Steelers

This Monday night match-up features last year's top defense versus this year's top defense — the Steelers versus the Broncos respectively.

The Broncos have shown some signs of vulnerability to the pass and with Big Ben second in the league in passing going into week eight, look for the Steelers to pull off the upset.

## Houston Texans vs. Indianapolis Colts Pick Texans

I'm sticking with the underdogs this week and am proud to pick the Texans' number one passing offense going into week eight, to upset the Colts and Peyton Manning, the number one rated quarterback in the league.

Schaub vs. Manning, Andre Johnson vs. Reggie Wayne — this one should be fun, not to mention that the Texans seem to always play tough with the Colts.





## ← last week

**Men's Soccer**

10/28

Boston U 2, Vermont 1

**Women's Soccer**

10/25

Hartford 3, Vermont 0

**Field Hockey**

10/25

Vermont 0, Columbia 1

**Women's Hockey**

10/24

Vermont 2, Princeton 7

**Swimming**

10/24

Vermont 167, Siena 124

**Men's Soccer**

10/24

Vermont 1, Binghamton 2

**Field Hockey**

10/24

Vermont 1, Maine 4

**Women's Hockey**

10/23

Vermont 4, Princeton 3

**Men's Hockey**

10/23

Vermont 2, Merrimack 5

**Women's Soccer**

10/22

Vermont 1, Binghamton 3

**Men's Soccer**

10/21

Vermont 1, Stony Brook 2

**Women's Soccer**

10/20

Vermont 0, Dartmouth 3

## next week →

**Friday**

11/06

**Women's Hockey vs. Boston College**  
7 p.m. Boston**Men's Hockey vs. UMass-Lowell**  
7:05 p.m.  
Gutterson Fieldhouse**Saturday**

11/07

**Men's Basketball vs. Saint Michael's (pre-season)**  
1 p.m.  
Patrick Gym**Women's Hockey vs. Boston College**  
4 p.m. Boston**Women's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce - pre-season**  
4:30 p.m.  
Patrick Gymnasium**Sunday**

11/08

**Men's Hockey vs. Providence**  
4 p.m.  
Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Men's soccer season fades with loss to BU

DAN EVANCO | The Vermont Cynic

Senior star T.J. Gore jumps over the ball as well as a Boston University player in the Oct. 28 loss. Despite multiple scoring chances and close calls, the Cats' offensive struggles continued as the BU Terriers ended Vermont's season with a 2-1 victory.

## Must-win game of the season slips past Cats in the rain

By Will Andreyckak  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team was in a must-win situation last Wednesday afternoon at Centennial Field, with Boston University as the only obstacle to a playoff birth.

Instead of achieving what would have been considered an upset, the Catamounts continued the disappointing losing trend — which has been haunting them the entire year — losing to the Terriers 2-1.

"I thought this game epitomized our entire season," head coach Jesse Cormier said after the season finale.

"We just came up short in a couple of key areas and key moments," he said. "Our success factor was all about everyone out there being on the same page and today and this year we didn't have that."

The Catamounts had plenty of chances to score and extend their season, but every opportunity that presented

itself vanished just as quickly as it appeared.

With 8:49 left in the first half, freshman Sean Sweeney centered a pass off of a Catamount free kick.

The ball found itself directly on the foot of redshirt sophomore Patrick Alonis. Alonis got off a powerful shot that rattled off the post and the

Knox recorded his second goal of the game and the Catamounts' bid for a victory was lost.

With five minutes left in the game, sophomore Yannick Lewis scored a goal from equally as impressive passes by seniors T.J. Gore and Marty Galvin.

In the end, the comeback attempt fell short.

For keeper Tom Critz and

the program in the future.

"I expect that we will improve our record and most importantly improve our mentality," Edler said. "Knowing what it takes to be successful, we have to take that to a whole new level."

Cormier knows that not everything can stay the same among the players returning.

"There is a lot of change that needs to take place within the group," Cormier said. "We can't let any opportunity like today go by without using it as a learning experience."

Cormier's players are on the same wavelength, taking what they learned this season and applying it in the offseason, he said.

For the seniors, their examples will also be a topic of conversation for the offseason.

"I just hope that I have passed on a legacy of hard work and an example for the young guys following behind me in upcoming years," Critz said.

**BOSTON U**  
(8-6-2, 2-4-0 America East)  
vs.  
**VERMONT**  
(1-10-5, 1-5-2 America East)

**DEPARTING SENIORS**

GK Tom Critz  
M/B T.J. Gore  
F Matt Hennessey  
M Jack Lindsay

scoring opportunity was lost.

After a Terrier goal, the Catamounts had another chance to score when junior Kyle Luetkehans headed a centering pass beyond the outstretched arms of the Terrier goalie, but another defender was successful in his desperate attempt to head the ball away and save a goal.

Less than 30 seconds into the second half, BU's Stephen

other seniors, not only is the season over, so are their college careers.

"Obviously it's a tough pill to swallow," the emotional Critz said. "But right now I am just reflecting on all the experiences I have had, all the relationships I've formed, all the good times and bad."

Freshman D.J. Edler has much higher expectations for

## Lady Cats fall to NU Huskies in two-game series at home



Junior forward Teddy Fortin (13) skates into the puck and toward the Princeton net in the Oct. 23-24 weekend series. The Oct. 23 win was the first time in program history the Cats topped the Tigers.

First series of Hockey East play results in a 3-0 and 3-1 loss to the Northeastern Huskies for the Vermont women's hockey team following a home series split against Princeton Oct. 23-24.

Full story online  
[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic



**LIFE**

Finally, a fashion column for the men on campus!

8

**SPORTS**

Women's basketball gets a helping hand from their six Canadian players.

11

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

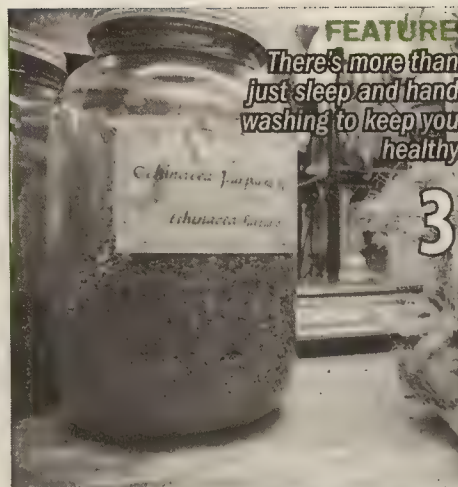
The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, November 10, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 11 | Burlington, Vermont

**FEATURE**

There's more than just sleep and hand washing to keep you healthy

3



## Students push for bottle ban

### Environmental club campaigns against use of bottled water

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Cynic Correspondent

The Vermont Student Environmental Program (VSTEP), an environmental

awareness and action club, is challenging students to go a day without buying a water bottle.

All day Wednesday, the Marché, Alice's, the Marketplace and CATS Pause will not be selling bottled water.

Instead, VSTEP will offer reusable metal water bottles for a donation of \$1 to show students an alternative to purchasing water.

"We want students to realize the social and ecological impact of one bottle of water," Co-President of VSTEP Marlee Baron said.

VSTEP will be

circulating petitions at these locations in an attempt to ultimately ban the sale of bottled water from campus completely.

This campaign has been successful at Brandeis University, Washington University in St. Louis and numerous university campuses in Canada, Baron said.

Like UVM, WashU has a contract with Coca-Cola, however they have elected to stop ordering bottled water.

On average, UVM convenience stores sell 800 bottles of water a day, Baron said.

Sophomore Amara Forgues frequently contributes to this number.

"I only drink bottled water because the water in my dorm is disgusting and does not taste good," Forgues said. "It is so convenient to have bottles of water in my fridge that are already cold, and I recycle them so I feel better about it."

According to VSTEP, only 23 percent of water bottles get recycled. Of this 23 percent, 40 percent go to China, where they are made into materials that are not recyclable.

"It is turned into cheap carpeting, shoes and clothes — all of these things we are getting from China, are actually made from these water bottles and all of that stuff is just thrown away at the end because you can't recycle them," Baron said.

see VSTEP on page 2

ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

## GPS on your cell: Blirpit tracks bus routes

By Dan Friedman  
Cynic Correspondent

Blirpit, a locally invented transportation-tracking technology, may revolutionize the way UVM students wait for the bus.

Students Mike Fogg and Nick Godin released a pilot version of their bus-tracking website, Blirpit.com, on Sept. 2.

The website, which stands for Bus Line Information Retrieval Program, allows students to track on- and off-campus buses in an attempt to increase efficiency and reduce waiting time at bus stops.

The idea was first conceived in January of last year, when Fogg and Godin met up in the third-floor Simpson lounge to begin

working on a paper for their race relations course.

Instead of writing the paper, "we decided we should really get started with something bigger," Fogg said.

**"I can't think of a university that couldn't use it, or a freshman student that won't."**Mike Fogg  
UVM student

Ideas were thrown out until Godin recalled the last time he was on a plane.

"I remembered being on a

plane and watching it travel its course on a screen using GPS," he said. "Then I wondered why the campus buses didn't have this [technology] and it just took off from there."

Because of his background in graphic design, Fogg became Director of Development and Operations.

His job at Blirpit involved creating the website and the accompanying applications that go with it, including iPhone applications and a text messaging feature.

The feature allows the user to text DOTCOM to a number on the website, which then tells the user the anticipated time of arrival for the next bus.

Godin, director of sales and



ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

A UVM bus passes by the Kalkin Building on central campus. Blirpit offers GPS tracking for both on- and off-campus buses.

marketing, tests new features organizations to promote the for flaws and communicates product. When the two started with other universities and

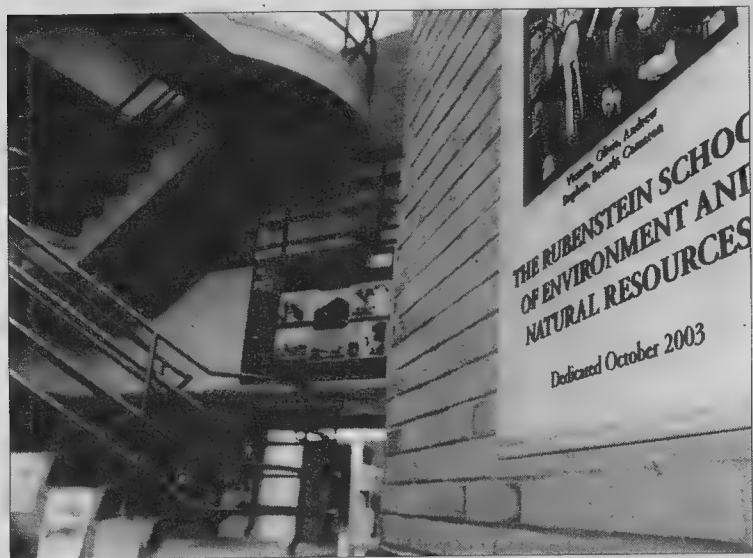
see BLIRPIT on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-2 — FEATURE 3 — OPINION 4-5 — ARTS 6-7 — LIFE 8 — DISTRACTIONS 9 — COMICS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com





ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic

The Aiken Center serves as the home of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. The building will be renovated to meet modern environmental standards.

## Greening of Aiken

### University prepares \$10 million eco upgrade to Rubenstein building

By Hilary Walton  
Cynic Correspondent

Poor air quality, problems with windows and the roof, lack of adequate insulation and an overall lack of energy efficiency have, for some time now, raised a red flag at the Aiken Center of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.

In May 2004, more than 100 students, faculty and others took part in a two-day design competition in which the top four architectural firms out of the 24 that entered presented designs for the project.

William Maclay Architects and Planners of Waitsfield were chosen as the winning firm due to their environmentally responsible design approach.

"The project comprises many highly creative and carefully developed ideas of students, alumni, staff, faculty, advisers and design team members," Lawrence Forcier, a professor at the Rubenstein School, said.

"It's been a true community effort, and it will very visibly and dramatically reduce the Aiken Center's environmental footprint and energy costs, improve teaching conditions and allow the Rubenstein School and UVM to move closer to walking our sustainability hopes and talk," Forcier said.

Improvements to be made on the Aiken Center include environmental initiatives such as Green Roofs, natural lighting, solar panels, composting toilets, waterless facilities, natural ventilation, high-performance conferenceroomsandclassrooms, an energy monitoring system, outdoor amphitheater teaching environment and an overall smaller ecological footprint.

"The Aiken Center will beautifully celebrate life within like no other building at UVM," the building's website stated.

On Oct. 24, UVM's Board of Trustees collectively approved the project.

Funding will come from privatesources:anEnvironmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant and \$10 million in government

bonds. More than \$2 million has already been raised by private donations.

"The Greening of the Aiken project is an exciting opportunity for the University of Vermont to demonstrate to the state, region and world the possibilities and promise of renovating a 25-year-old building to achieve Gold LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] certification," Mary Watzin, dean of the Rubenstein School, said.

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted standard for high-performance, green buildings.

"It is easier to build a LEED-Gold building from scratch than it is to renovate one, but green renovation is the challenge of the 21st century," Watzin said.

There are many buildings like Aiken that should be renovated in ways that minimize waste and maximize energy efficiency instead of simply demolishing them, she said.

"UVM has much to gain by leading the way in demonstrating how this might be done," Watzin said. "It will clearly add to its stature as an environmental leader and innovator."

Because the Greening of the Aiken project has been approved, renovation will begin at the end of the spring 2010 semester with planned occupancy beginning in fall 2011.

#### Aiken Environmental Improvements

- Green roofs
- Natural lighting
- Solar panels
- Composting toilets
- Waterless facilities
- Natural ventilation
- High performance conference and class rooms
- Energy monitoring systems
- Outdoor amphitheatre teaching environment

## Student fee powers UVM technology

By Austin Stone  
Cynic Correspondent

Each year, students enrolled at UVM generate hundreds of thousands of dollars to support technological advances at the University.

Students pay an annual fee of \$75 that is added to the Technology Innovation Fund (TIF).

This fund is allocated to certain areas that are thought to need improvement.

Chief Information Officer David Todd and Dean of Libraries Mara Saule co-chair the committee that evaluates requests to spend this technology fee.

"TIF generates about \$800,000 each year, but is not like other budgets, in that it is bundled as part of the Student Comprehensive Fee and can also accumulate across fiscal years," Saule said.

Todd and Saule said a survey was conducted last year by the Student Government Association (SGA) in order to understand where appropriate allocations were to be made.

The final results of the survey suggested students wanted "more wireless coverage in student-centric areas, more elaborate course descriptions on the course registration page, wireless networks in residence hall rooms, course syllabi on the course registration page and software volume licenses for Microsoft Office and Adobe products," Todd said.

Assistant Dean of Libraries Peter Blackmer said that one of the major uses of the technology

fee is to keep classrooms up to par with technology such as projection screens and Internet access, with wireless computers being just one of these elements.

**"Bailey/Howe Library is probably the most robust wireless environment right now on campus, and the main reason is because the student technology fee supported bringing that wireless environment up to the standard that it is today."**

Peter Blackmer  
Assistant Dean of Libraries

"It helps the technology infrastructure of the entire University to be consistent with today's demands," Blackmer said. "For instance, Bailey/Howe Library is probably the most robust wireless environment right now on campus, and the main reason is because the student technology fee supported bringing that wireless environment up to the standard that it is today."

Saule said that the first couple of years of the fee were dedicated to upgrading all 106 general-purpose classrooms to a consistent level and expanding wireless Internet access in common areas such as the Bailey/Howe Library.

Library Associate Professor Paul Philbin discussed the money spent in the past three years on classroom technology.

He said that in fiscal year 2008, they spent \$391,284.65, in fiscal year 2009 they spent \$517,688.35 and they will spend approximately \$104,022.78 in 2010.

"A total spending under this budget is \$1,289,398.81 for classroom technology since FY08," Philbin said. "The amount for FY10 is year-to-date, as work is planned for winter break, as well as some following the end of classes after spring 2010 semester leading up to the end of the fiscal year."

He also said that spending in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 was done primarily to bring general-purpose classrooms up to a similar standard.

Once that goal is achieved, the plan is to spend about \$250,000 yearly to keep pace with equipment replacements and upgrades.

Keeping up with technology can sometimes require additional financing.

According to an SGA document from last year, 71.1 percent of medium-sized public universities have levied an institutional technology fee.

Among UVM comparators, the average per-semester fee was \$140.

## VSTEP The battle against bottles heats up on campus

...continued from page 1

Furthermore, VSTEP is concerned that students do not realize that they are paying for tap water.

This bottled water comes from the same place as your tap water, Emilyn Fox, co-president of VSTEP, said.

"When bottling companies take water, they are just taking it from a public water source and selling it back to the same people," Fox said.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), responsible for testing tap water, ensures that

the water is tested daily and held to high standards, Fox said.

Bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), tested less frequently and held to much lower guidelines, she said.

Freshman Andrea Rhoads supports the cause but said her habits are based on convenience.

"I do use a reusable bottle when I can, but sometimes I forget, and, in an effort to stay healthy, I do like to purchase water," Rhoads said.

"We are facing so many grave problems, and we will need people to initiate change," Baron

said.

"If changing things means making the commitment to bring your own bottle, yes, it is another thing you have to remember, but it is not such a huge burden to put on somebody."

VSTEP hopes to get enough signatures on the petition supporting the ban to submit it to the administration.

"We think the school should take on [the ban] to show its commitment to the world as a leading environmental university," Baron said.

## BLIRPIT Cell phone application makes finding the bus easy

...continued from page 1

working on their project, they wanted to use new technology.

Bluetooth and radio frequencies were considered; however, Fogg's uncle pointed the boys back in the right direction.

"Why reinvent the wheel?" he told us. GPS became the logical choice," Fogg said.

A number of faculty and staff helped the students improve their idea, including Chief Information Officer David Todd. Godin and Fogg approached him last March with the idea.

According to Todd, their idea was an improvement on an element of a commercial service he had seen three years earlier.

The students upgraded the system Todd had seen earlier by adding text messaging components.

"I thought the system they'd planned might be more effective in serving clients of the service than the commercial system I'd seen three years ago," Todd said. "So I expressed interest in the project and promoted awareness of it among several administrative colleagues."

Around the same time, the two also approached bus administrator Mike Altman to gauge the possibility of linking the bus system to Blirpit.com.

After receiving the go-ahead, the buses have since been hooked up to the system.

"I have been contacted by

many companies from all over the country trying to sell us a system," Altman said. "None of these systems had as many features as Blirpit and, besides, it is great to have a homegrown product put together by some very sharp UVM students."

As for the masterminds behind the project, they aren't sure what the future holds.

"The future is pretty open," Fogg said. "There are so many possible uses for a system like this, it just takes meeting with the right people."

"Honestly, I can't think of a university that couldn't use it, or a freshman student that won't," he said.





# ESCAPING THE EPIDEMIC

## How to stay healthy in the midst of the flu season

By Natalie Battistone  
Cynic Correspondent

Jill Hoppenjans has no problem saying, "told you so."

Director of Operations for the Center for Health and Wellbeing, Hoppenjans said that with all those alternative ways to keep healthy during cold season, your mom was right.

Having a healthy immune system while the swine and seasonal influenza run rampant requires more than just daily vitamins and lots of sleep. There are distinct personal choices to be made when truly considering the overall benefits of individual health.

Hoppenjans knows that going to bed a few hours earlier than normal, incorporating more

nutrients into your daily meals and refraining from sharing food or drinks are not necessarily the easiest things to do when you live on a college campus.

The foolproof way to get sick this season, Hoppenjans said, is by sharing everything.

"Most of the time it isn't a big deal, but now people need to be more cautious," she said.

Martha Seagrave, director of pre-doctoral studies, also works for the Center and said that any form of sharing is the way most patients are infected.

Sharing cigarettes, utensils, towels, ChapStick — really anything that comes in contact with respiratory action — is a surefire way to get sick, she said.

Especially with large lecture classes, not taking action when it feels like you might need an umbrella to keep germs at bay is just silly.

"Even when you have excellent habits, it really only takes exposure to someone with the virus, even before they show symptoms," Seagrave said.

Seagrave said that it is very simple to rid your hands of the virus but, if you are not careful, it's just as easy to infect yourself.

"Germs are another name for [the] flu virus and hand washing is as simple as removing the virus from your hands," she said.

"Your hands are wonderful utensils for moving viruses from a place on your body, where they can't do any harm to your face, where they have easy access to your mouth, nose

and eyes, which are the entry points to your body."

Some students find that stressing out about cold season and germs is a waste of time.

"If I get sick, I get sick," freshman James Aglio said.

**"Your hands are wonderful utensils for moving viruses from a place on your body, where they can't do any harm to your face, where they have easy access to your mouth, nose and eyes which are the entry points to your body."**

**Martha Seagrave**  
Director of pre-doctoral studies,  
Center for Health and Wellbeing employee

Other students, however, are considering alternative methods to stay healthy this flu season.

According to the calendar issued by the Center, November is full of dates when flu shots are being offered at the Davis Center, and also incorporates intermittent

45-minute meditation sessions offered at the Allen House.

Mindfulness Meditation is a free weekly program to provide students with a healthy, cathartic release for stress.

The instructors there — Miv London, who works at the Center, and Simone Blaise-Glausinger, a Reiki practitioner — utilize their knowledge to aid students in cleansing and relaxing the body.

Reiki is a practice of moving healing energy through the body, using palms as an energy conduit.

The benefits of meditation, Reiki and yoga are not entirely conclusive, but those who practice them frequently swear by them.

Freshman Chan Stevens said he uses traditional medicine but tries to incorporate alternative measures as well.

"There are many alternatives that have been suggested to strengthen immunity, but to date there is not any good science behind the claims," Seagrave said. "Some things that have been evaluated include zinc and Echinacea, but the results are not conclusive."

Although there are obviously differing opinions regarding the practices of traditional and alternative medicine, it is agreed that a balance within the person needs to be achieved in order to preserve physical health.

So no matter the type of medicine practiced, maybe your mom was right. Enough sleep, a healthy diet and other common sense measures may just be the best way to survive lecture halls full of hacking, sniffing undergraduates.

### Foods to help boost your health:

~ Winter squashes: vitamins A, C, D

~ Rosehips: vitamins A, C, bioflavonoids

~ Root crops (carrots, beets, turnips, potatoes): vitamins A, C, trace minerals, iron

~ Green and red peppers: vitamins A, C, bioflavonoids

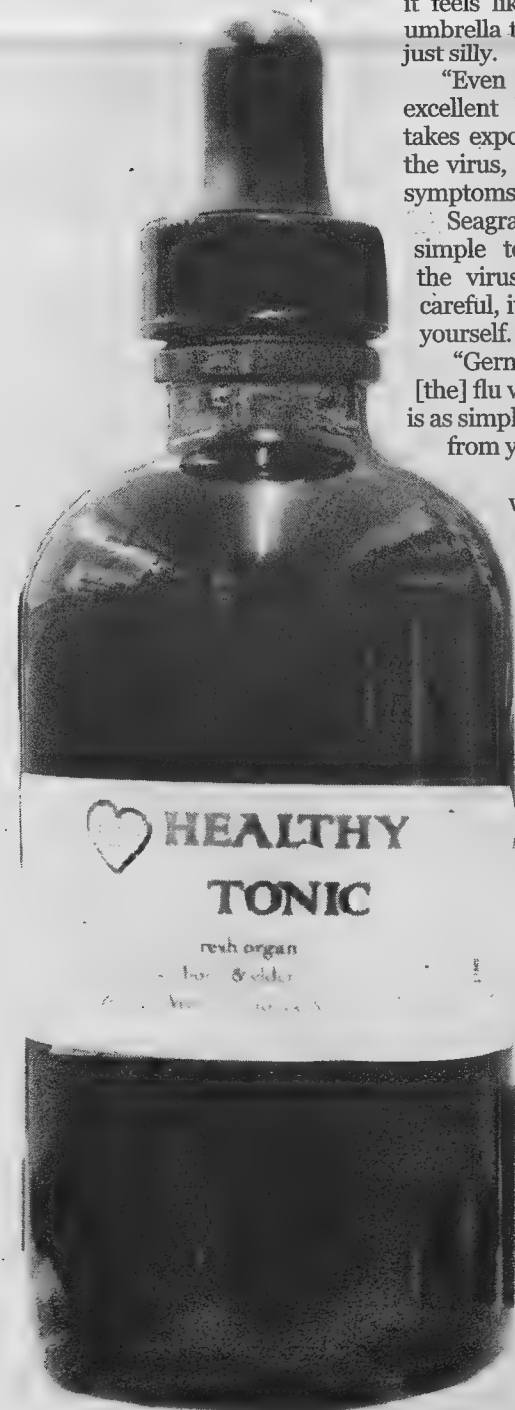
~ Brassica family (broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, mustard greens): vitamins A, C, trace minerals, iron, calcium

~ Pomegranates and persimmons: vitamins A, C

~ Lemons/citrus fruits: vitamin C, bioflavonoids

~ Seaweeds: protein, minerals, trace minerals

Source: Purple Shutter Herbs, Winooski



A homeopathic local tonic, echinacea and goldenseal, and natural beeswax can be used as alternative remedies.

BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## PR Manager

Elizabeth Crawford  
ecrawfor@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Time to try alternatives

We have a reputation.

We have a reputation to uphold and a reputation to make.

The students involved in VSTEP are living up to our reputation as proactive UVM students.

VSTEP is working to inform the student body about how buying water bottles harms the environment, wastes money and contributes to unethical corporations.

They intend to prove to the students that it is easy to live without buying bottled water, which is — and yes this is an admitted fact — simply tap water with a snazzy label like Dasani.

Ultimately, VSTEP would like a ban on selling bottled water on campus.

*The Cynic* applauds VSTEP for their initiative and supports their cause.

Why do we pay hundreds of dollars a year to have Coca-Cola take tap water and sell it back to us at an outrageous price?

Why are we paying Coke to contaminate our air with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and stuff our landfills with plastic?

We are paying a premium for a small convenience.

No one is going to die if water bottles are no longer sold on campus — there are water fountains and refill stations everywhere.

On Nov. 11, VSTEP is going to offer refillable bottles instead of plastic to remind us that carrying around a metal water container is a small burden in exchange for saving money and the environment.

We should support them. Their campaign makes sense — simple as that.

VSTEP realized a problem — an addiction to harmful, overpriced water bottles that we don't need — and they found a solution. Now they are turning their goal into a reality.

Furthermore, we should admire them for their initiative.

They are not getting paid. They are not getting extensions on their homework.

They are doing this because they care, because it is right and they know they can make a difference.

As students, we sometimes forget that we don't need to wait until we graduate to change our world.

We don't have to stand by passively as injustice and wastefulness plague our campus.

It is time that we come together and support VSTEP in their clearly righteous cause.

We are UVM students; we are not fools that get our own water sold back to us.

We do not waste resources and contaminate our world; we are not blind to our ability to make a difference.

That is our reputation.

Let's live up to it.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"DURING THE TIME I WAS IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, WE WERE UNDER THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE INSURING GREATER PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN WE WERE NOT."**

— SHAY BILCHIK, who served as a state prosecutor in Miami from 1977 to 1993, on trying juvenile offenders as adults in criminal court.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



## COLUMNISTS

## Communication breakdown



KATELYN MOHEN

Having learned to drive a car in Massachusetts, where the only driving regulation against cell phone use applies to bus drivers, it was not long before I learned the consequences of that freedom.

This past summer, my dangerous streak was over. I had slipped past the risks of texting while driving one too many times when my clunker rammed the back end of a defenseless sedan. Seconds prior to the accident, I had been foolishly concentrating on reading a text message.

A big dose of reality and hundreds of dollars later, I now understand the warnings and horror stories that were drilled into my mind in driving school about cell phone use.

Recently, a woman in Britain was sentenced to a 21-month prison term for crashing her car into another driver as a result of a distracting text message.

Having killed the victim due

to her phone use, the accident was treated as a more serious crime than had a phone not been involved.

Two years ago, Britain strengthened its law enforcement against cell phone use while driving and now regards the distraction as a heinous misjudgment, similar in offense to drinking and driving.

The average jail term in Britain for crimes related to driving while distracted by a cell phone is four to seven years.

**Burlington is the perfect example of a place that would benefit from cell phone regulation.**

Upon learning about this crackdown, I was surprised that the United States has not yet adopted a similar policy nationwide.

States such as New York and Maryland have made phone use illegal while driving. However, having come to Vermont from a state lenient about the issue, I was not shocked to discover that Vermont, too, has zero regulation.

In the Green Mountain State, it is legal for train conductors and bus and automobile drivers

to call, text and completely consume themselves in their phones while driving.

In a city teeming with active students and residents, Burlington is the perfect example of a place that would benefit from cell phone regulation.

Consider trekking across campus early on a Monday morning. Only half-awake, most students are worried enough about reaching their destination on time, not the cars buzzing about.

Unaware of a red light, stop sign or cross walk, distracted drivers could easily strike an unaware pedestrian.

It would be terrible for someone to be struck by a car whose driver was too busy checking their phone to pay attention to a stop light. In such a busy place, however, the chance of an accident like this increases.

Laws that restrict cell phone use would reduce the number of cell phone-related car accidents. We shouldn't wait until someone is dead or in the hospital to realize that driving while texting is dangerous.

*Katelyn Mohen is a freshman English major. She has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



COLUMNISTS

# Walking that thin, drunken line



JEFF AYERS

The University of Vermont is a place of higher learning where youths come to better themselves and build the future — provided it's not the weekend.

Every weekend, the UVM campus — like most nationwide — seems to come unglued.

Once the sun sets, students take to the streets and prowling downtown Burlington looking for some way to relieve stress.

Most students end up at house parties where there is dancing, inter-gender

fraternization and alcohol consumption.

I'm not making a judgment about the underage consumption of alcohol — I'm just saying that it happens.

These events are fun — they distract from the past week of exams, the 12-page paper or the three-hour lab where everything seemed to go wrong.

The college environment is a stressful one, and everyone needs a way to unwind and decompress, but this leads to a problem commonly faced by many college students.

Where is the line? How far can you unwind and de-stress before you've gone too far?

The students at McAuley Hall on Trinity Campus seem to have found that line and are now pressing themselves, quite vigorously, up against it.

There have been a multitude

of write-ups, police visits, detoxes and even an episode with a young man hurling himself out of a second-story window.

One student expressed pride in his dorm's party-hard reputation saying, in effect, that his floor is one of the hardest partying floors in the nation.

I wonder why some students seem to take pride in their write-ups and their drunken antics — which are lovingly described to any who will listen the following Monday.

Based on my experiences, it appears that some believe there is an unwritten, underground competition on campus to see who can get into the most trouble and still come out okay on the other side.

It's as if some students believe a trophy reading "World's Most Stupendous Badass!" is going to be awarded to the

person with the most write-ups at the end of the year, complete with a handshake from UVM's president himself.

A lot of these feelings may be explained by incoming freshmen, such as myself, trying to have the full college experience we have always heard of and seen portrayed in films such as *Van Wilder* and *PCU*.

Yes, college is an experience and going out on the weekends is part of that — letting go for a while can be therapeutic.

But if your Saturday night traditionally ends with you stumbling home at 3 a.m., pulling a fire alarm and waking up in the Fletcher Allen Hospital, then you have not only found the line — you've vaulted over it.

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## Jumping the gun for 2010

You may not know it — which would be completely understandable — but election day was last week.

As a point of reference, if last year's election was the World Series, this year's was a drunken Saturday afternoon pickup game.

There were only a handful of consequential local and state elections in the Northeast. Cleverly referencing the P. Diddy slogan, *The Daily Show* dubbed the situation "Vote or Keep Going About Your Day."

But, of course, America has a few Dakotas' worth of people who make their living super-analyzing this kind of stuff.

Like the ancient oracles who divined the future through animal entrails — and roughly as accurate — these pundits cracked open the juicy insides of each election in search of America's political trajectory.

Take New York's 23rd Congressional District.

In a special election, Republican Dede Scozzafava ran against Democrat Bill Owens. However, Scozzafava's socially liberal positions put her out of the good graces of prominent conservatives like the lovely Mrs. Sarah Palin.

Instead, the ex-vice-presidential candidate backed Conservative Party candidate Doug Hoffman. Scozzafava eventually backed out and threw her weight behind Owens — the eventual winner.

All of a sudden, 650,000

upstate New Yorkers became the barometer of the Republican Party's tolerance of moderates.

You may be thinking, "That's a little bit of a leap." And you'd be right.

But, then again, your salary isn't contingent on reading the minds of voters hundreds of miles away.

Ironically, Bill Owens already has less than a year to go before his next election. He squeaked out with a win, and could potentially hold the seat for no longer than a year — Robert Byrd has spent more time in the congressional bathroom.

Now take a look at Virginia.

This pick-up for the Dems in 2008 saw republicans sweep into prominent state positions. Governor-elect Bob McDonnell won by double digits.

In almost symphonic unison, conservatives heralded the election as a repudiation of Barack Obama's policies, while liberals pointed out that McDonnell ran to the center.

Pundits have expertly taken out whatever message suits them. Go figure.

Lastly, let's look at the New Jersey governor's race. Republican Chris Christie beat out incumbent Jon Corzine.

Obama helped campaign for Corzine, ipso facto Corzine's loss is a referendum on Obama and his policies.

Maybe, possibly, definitely conceivably.

Unless New Jersey's residents are more concerned with local issues, like, I don't know, their almost 10 percent unemployment rate.

And what if young people and minorities once again vote in droves? Or health care flops? Or the economy recovers? Or it rains on election day?

Or, get this, what if the media stops overanalyzing every bit of demographic-electoral fodder that comes its way?

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*



MAX KRIEGER

## Wake up and smell all those chemicals

You have probably known for a while that the air you breathe is slightly poisoned.

Now, thanks to Congress, your water is chemically rich as well.

Recently, the power plants and major conglomerates have decided to cut down on air pollutants, thanks to prompting by the new "cap and trade" bill for CO<sub>2</sub> and other emissions.

Unfortunately, research has shown that stopping people from releasing pollutants into the atmosphere does not stop them from releasing them in general.

To clean the air coming out of smoke stacks, many coal companies spray water and chemicals over the outgoing smog, which captures a tremendous amount of pollutants.

The air is much cleaner, but the company is left with thousands of gallons of toxic liquid waste.

Left unregulated, these companies dump the toxic water and chemicals into rivers and streams, which then become people's drinking water.

Obviously the point of the cap and trade bill isn't to poison everyone's lemonade.

The proposed system will offer a set number of CO<sub>2</sub> credits for all of the major companies in

the United States.

The businesses will then bid for how much CO<sub>2</sub> they may put into the air.

President Barack Obama and his administration tout this as the perfect way to curb emissions.

On the other hand, Laurie Williams and Allan Zabel, two lawyers for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) find this approach completely inadequate.

In lieu of this proposal, the EPA suggests a stringent system that would heavily tax every ton of carbon emissions and give rebates to those companies who lower pollutants.

Obama, the EPA and the bill are all missing the point. Any system of limiting emissions will fail, no matter how strict.

Companies will always find a way to pollute and continue the use of harmful chemicals if they are allowed to.

Rather than trying to curb fossil fuel emissions, we must curb fossil fuels.

We have the technology to use renewable resources; all that is missing are willing investors.

We don't need a bill that taxes companies for polluting, we need a bill that taxes companies that don't use alternative energy.

All major companies should have to invest in and use a certain amount of renewable energy sources.

This new system would promote the use of alternative energy and hopefully change the way companies think about the environment.

Congress could stop the dependency on foreign oil, help create new technology and even make our water safe to drink.

The United States must wake up and see that we can't keep putting pots under the leaky roof; we must get up there and fix it.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Opposing vaccinations

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Staff Editorial "Preventing Flu at UVM."

I find its presentation one-sided and lacking sufficient research.

First, getting the vaccine is not imperative. No one is going to make you get it and no one should feel like not receiving it is an act of betrayal toward the community.

Many of the non-vaccine-related suggestions for staying healthy and stopping the spread of influenza are time-tested and extremely effective.

Thank you for those, they should be adhered to.

Most importantly, I would like to address the issue of the "faulty science" and "flimsy evidence" that connects vaccinations to "brain disorders" and autism.

I invite you to share your references for such confident assertions.

Personally, I have a 19-year-old brother who developed autism at the age of 18 months after receiving dual vaccinations, both containing the mercury-based preservative Thimerosal.

Now, just to make sure that isn't categorized as "flimsy evidence," I would like to add that the U.S. Vaccine Court awards financial compensation to two out of every five autism cases brought before it, and federal records indicate that since 1988, 1,322 cases have been ruled in favor of families with children on the autism spectrum as a direct result of vaccinations.

The pharmaceutical industry controls any publications regarding their products, seriously limiting the amount of scientific research published about their long-term effects.

Seeing as they're having so much trouble getting these H1N1-specific vaccinations on the market fast enough, how much time do you really think they've had to look into those long-term effects?

I'm not saying that you shouldn't get the vaccine. For many people, it makes sense.

I'm just asking everyone to truly educate themselves before making a decision, and I'm asking our student-run newspaper to cease and desist from using fear tactics in the arena of medical advice.

Be well.

Sincerely,  
Kate Bolton  
Class of 2011

Have an opinion?  
Something you disagree with?  
Put your voice in *The Cynic*!  
E-mail letters  
to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu)



# Allure and disgust at Firehouse

Exhibit at the Firehouse Gallery explores modern medicine



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Artist Linda E. Jones displays her art for an audience. The exhibit, "Medicine & Mortality," opened last week in the Firehouse Gallery downtown.

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

What appears to be flesh hangs on the wall with metal contraptions stuck through it. In the opposite room, real stitches from a head wound are used as materials.

The scene described is not one from an old school horror movie, but rather the "Medicine & Mortality" exhibit at the Firehouse Gallery.

In the tradition of Mary Shelley, local artists depict medicine through the lens of something almost supernatural.

The artwork of Linda E. Jones, Sasanqua Link and Nathaniel Price displayed in the new exhibit all explore the dichotomy of allure and disgust presented by modern medicine.

Chris Thompson, the curator of the exhibit, observed this common theme between Jones's and Price's works and, with addition of Link's, put the exhibit together.

"I immediately felt slightly repulsed," Thompson said of his first impression of Jones's artwork, "but it was also sort of beautiful."

All the work of all three artists have strong emotional aspects.

Jones incorporates medical objects such as stitches, X-rays and CT scans that came from members of her family and uses them as the basis of her pieces of artwork.

For Jones, working with such materials has been cathartic.

"It has to do with my mother and sentiment and transferring the material that has been so

intimate with my family," Jones said.

Nathaniel Price, who used to be a resident at Fletcher Allen Hospital, fuses his medical and artistic sensibilities, exploring the connections between them.

"I think that one of the hopes is to be able to communicate some kind of story," Price said. "[As] much as we use the body to experience the world, I use the body as a vehicle to tell a narrative."

Sasanqua Link, originally trained as a jeweler and metal-smith, creates pieces using wax and metal, forming what appear to be body parts and medical apparatuses, respectively.

"There's this push and pull of preserving something physical and trying to reference something eternal," Link said.

Contrasting the organic nature of the subject of the body is the focus on the advances in medical technology that the exhibit examines.

"There's definitely something culturally underneath this," Thompson said. "We have a culture that's simultaneously obsessed with health care, and at the same time we have a sort of repulsion. I love that tension and sort of ambiguity."

The subject is not one that has clear black-and-white boundaries, and the exhibit attempts to examine the gray area.

"I'm glad that they're bringing in something a little more controversial," Burlington resident Caitlin Etenvorrough said. "It's going to raise a lot of questions about how we read medicine."

## Film revisits RFK rippling hope in apartheid

New York professors create documentary to spark activist thought

By Dan Suder  
Staff Writer

In 1966, an intense apartheid drew Robert F. Kennedy to visit South Africa. That trip is the basis for the new documentary "RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope," which was screened at the Vermont International Film Festival on Oct. 31.

Tami Gold and Larry Shore, professors at Hunter College in New York, created the film that follows Kennedy as he tours South African universities, churches and slums.

Kennedy's trip opened his eyes to civil rights injustices and he began to speak up against the

U.S.'s support for the white South African government and for the abolition of racism in South Africa and the United States alike.

Kennedy's words inspired Larry Shore when Shore was just a middle school student.

"It was just a moment in junior high," Shore said. "Just a moment — but a significant moment."

Decades later, Shore met Gold and was able to document a trip many Americans know little about.

"RFK" certainly succeeds in educating audiences about Kennedy's trip and its long reaching impact on both countries, which can still be seen today.

For Gold, the trip raises questions about what could have been. Kennedy was assassinated almost exactly two years after his trip, during his run for president. The film offers a perspective on how his liberal, charismatic personality could have translated to a successful presidency.

"There are questions about what Kennedy would have become," Gold said. "He would most likely have won the presidency, but how would that have changed the world?"

In the film, Gold alludes to the fact that Kennedy would have created a different country from the one that emerged under Nixon, but part of the change would

have come from the people.

Huge numbers of people, white and black, attended Kennedy's South African rallies, and his charisma shines through in the highlighted clips in the movie.

"It's hard to get Americans interested in international politics, but Kennedy really managed to connect the situation in South Africa to the one in America," local cook Robert McKay said. "But activism then was different from today's. It was a mass social movement that could change things, not a 'Join this Facebook group,' 'give money to this organization' type of activism like we see today."

Kennedy changed the way

many Americans viewed apartheid and anti-communist movements, and the documentary strives to do the same.

With well thought-out interviews and interesting footage, the film succeeds in bringing the issues back to the forefront and creating a medium for thought.

A native of South Africa, local teacher and activist Mashobane Moruthanu agrees.

"People at home who see it will continue to have hope. You need to free yourself before you can practice freedom," Moruthanu said.

I came here because of my deep interest and affection for a land settled by the Dutch in the mid-17th century, then taken over by the British, and at last independent; a land in which the native inhabitants were at first subdued, but relations with whom remain a problem to this day; a land which defined itself on a hostile frontier; a land which has tamed rich natural resources through the energetic application of modern technology; a land which once imported slaves, and now must struggle to wipe out the last traces of that former bondage. I refer, of course, to the United States of America.

— Robert F. Kennedy

"Day of Affirmation" speech to the University of Cape Town, June 6, 1966

South Africa, N.U.S.A.S. Speech

(www.rfksafilm.org)

Photograph ©Creative Commons Flickr / Mester



# Masques resounds with baroque aura

Canadian ensemble refreshes Baroque music at UVM

By Natalie Battistone  
Cynic Correspondent

Southwick Hall transformed into a 17th-century palace when Masques took the stage for the Oct. 30 performance.

A young Montreal-based ensemble that specializes in baroque music, Masques performed selections from classic composers such as Leclair, Rameau, Bach and Vitali as part of UVM's Lane Series.

Not only did they play classical pieces, the trio put their own baroque-inspired technique on display.

An instrumental exhibition, the animated performers made it seem like the recreations of 17th-century music were staged as if it were a drama set to music.

In fast-paced musical segments, the violins bantered back and forth echoing each other's lines while the cello harmonized octaves below to keep the rhythm.

Each song flowed seamlessly and they performed incredibly synchronized, as if they were all one.

The group shined in their ability to anticipate each other's parts and interact with one another musically.

"[The interplay] was done on the spot. It was scary some-

**"All of the string players were very conscious of giving each phrase a life of its own. The slice of the violin bow, resonant ringing of the harpsichord and mellow rounded notes of the cello molded together to guide the audience elsewhere."**

Joseph Acquisto  
UVM French professor

times, but it is more authentic and it comes from your heart, not a piece of paper. If you rehearse too much — you kill it," leader and harpsichord player Oliver Fortin said.

In addition to the intimate interaction among performers, the songs were depicted with vivid emotion.

"[The pieces] are self-directed — we interpret each piece together," violinist Tuomo Suni said.

These interpretations stayed true to the baroque style, right down to the traditional instrument-holding techniques.

Violinists Suni and Sophie



ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic

Members of Montreal ensemble Masques perform at the Southwick Recital Hall. The concert, which took place on Oct. 30 as a part of the UVM Lane Series, recreated 17th-century music both in technique and content in a structured, yet animated, performance.

Gent appeared awkwardly positioned as they performed without shoulder rests in traditional Baroque manner. Similarly, cellist Kate Haynes performed the entire concert with no endpin — she held the cello upright with her calves for nearly two hours.

"I'm used to [this strenuous style]. I use it as an excuse to be extremely picky about the type of shoes I wear when I perform Baroque," Haynes said.

In the Elizabethan Era, Baroque music was a fusion of poetry, music, dance and drama. While Masques only models the musical aspect of this multi-medium performance style, their simple approach makes it all the more meaningful.

"It is refreshing because it is simple and rhythmical, but still has a lot to it," Fortin said.

While simple, the interpretations offered original, yet truthful, depictions of the elegant style.

"All of the string players were very conscious of giving each phrase a life of its own. The slice of the violin bow, resonant ringing of the harpsichord and mellow rounded notes of the cello molded together to guide the audience elsewhere," French professor Joseph Acquisto said. "The songs rich with passion and classicality also had a mystical quality encouraging the intrigued listener to desire more."

The group's performers, although oft-changing, can be found at several venues, especially in their hometown of Montreal.

They won the grand prize for the Dorian/Early America competition in 2000, and are known as the one of the most promising period-instrument ensembles in years, according to *The Toronto Star*.

THURSDAY NOV. 12  
**BRENNANS PUB**  
PRESENTS

NEW YORK  
**SKA-JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

SHOW

UVM PROGRAM BOARD

UVM.FULL/BOARD

**FREE CONCERT**  
TO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS  
CONTACT LIB@UVM.EDU



## THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

## Insight on hybrids

Hybrid cars may be slow and goofy looking, but they sure are popular. I know this because I'm always bumping into them trying to parallel park my massive SUV.

Burlington is all about them because driving one is a great way to show off how environmentally conscious and wealthy you are.

We get the idea that these cars have good fuel economy, even though most of their MPG figures were met or bested by Japanese cars from three decades ago.

Electric cars and hybrids aren't a new thing — they've been around for a while.

Remember the original Honda Insight?

More than 60 MPG if driven gently, but everyone laughed at it because it looked like a sigmoidoscope and could only carry T-Pain or his top hat, not both.

Alright, I guess those are pretty legitimate reasons to laugh at it.

The GM EV1 was rejected for similar reasons — or a government conspiracy theory, depending on whom you ask.

But since Al Gore told us that Chevy Suburbans will be the downfall of civilization, people have been scrambling to put money down on battery-assisted cars shaped like sex toys.

Hybrids have become so pervasive that they've started to form their own microcosm of the real car world.

There's a whole range of hybridized cars out there: a few SUVs, sedans, luxury cars and even a sports car — the "Tesla," a Lotus Elise with a nose job and about a million Duracells in place of a petrol engine.

But I'm not convinced that they're changing the face of motoring, for now or forever.

Most hybrids use a lithium-ion battery to power the car when it's going very slowly — basically a giant laptop battery.

We all know how bad production of such things is for the environment — so do the gas savings of a hybrid outweigh the ecological damage?

I suppose hybrids also attempt to appeal to those looking to save money by buying less fuel, but I think this may be another misguided notion.

To really spend as little as possible on a car, buy a 10-year-old Honda. Otherwise, the money you save at the pump is going straight to interest payments on a \$40,000 Prius.

Even with something fresh out of the Toyota factory, it would take the average driver years before spending more, including fuel, than a Prius.

So where does the future of motoring lie? Not in petrol, there's not enough of that left for me to share with all of you.

But I don't think it's in hybrid electric vehicles, either.

Hopefully environmentalists and automotive enthusiasts (like me) will be able to compromise and build a car that can keep up with motorcycles and emit nothing more than Ben & Jerry's ice cream.



**Left to right:** Patrick Cassidy, Andrick Deppmeyer and Adam Jaroszewski, UVM graduates and creators of the movie "Self Helpless" at a showing of the movie in Billings Lecture Hall.

HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

## No budget means no laughs?

### UVM graduates take filming into their own hands

By Jess Sanders  
Staff Writer

In this tough economy, students on campus may wonder what is out there for them, if anything, post-graduation.

A scary thought, but four brave-faced UVM grads, Patrick Cassidy, Adam Jaroszewski, Andrick Deppmeyer and Pat Simone, ventured into post-grad life stumbling on their fears.

The four found themselves a couple years out of college and

not sure where to go next.

"We were sort of at a transition point in our lives," Jaroszewski said.

Thus, "Self Helpless" was born.

Though making a film may not have been the obvious choice for Jaroszewski, who studied philosophy, the three others had some hands-on experience studying filmmaking and entrepreneurship at UVM.

Cassidy, who also founded UVM's snowboard team, said he dabbled in snowboard films and other small movies for fun.

"Eventually it grew to something we were making a little money from," Cassidy said. "We did a few promotional videos for Red Bull."

These recreational skills helped them write and shoot "Self Helpless," since it was made at the lowest budget possible.

"This is a no-budget film. It's a feature-length film, and it's

shot with decent equipment, but this was completely financed by credit cards and some savings," Jaroszewski said.

Despite financial obstacles, they were able to film in Mexico, Burlington and Boston.

"We went down there knowing Mexico was a huge opportunity to give this nobody film a chance if it had anything," Jaroszewski said.

Each individual had to approve the process to ensure top-notch quality of the piece.

"Everything was filtered through our four-man production team," Cassidy said. "It was the only way that we could squeeze every drop of quality out of our meager budget."

They also had a lot of help and encouragement from friends, but the most support came from friend Jeremy Hudson, who gave more than just moral support.

"Back in the early filming stages, I offered up my house as

a location for shooting," Hudson said. "Since then, that same living room has become home to these ultra-resourceful couch surfers."

Resourceful is the key word — though the budget could have been an issue, they wanted to prove they can still create a film with mainstream appeal.

After their premiere at the Roxy in downtown Burlington, they may have done just that.

"Self Helpless" was also shown on campus last week — both showings got a lot of laughs.

"The UVM screening went well," Jaroszewski said. "We had 50 students in there, but the crowd was a good one. They were engaged with the movie and laughed their asses off."

The next free screening of "Self Helpless" on campus will be in Fleming 101 on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

## THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA &amp; CINDY AMOAKO

## Fashion for the fellas

We here at the Style Files like to try to be as inclusive as possible — we write for all shapes, sizes and personalities.

But we realized that we have neglected someone. This week, we want to pay special tribute to a certain set of readers: guys!

Oh yes. This article is now (temporarily) a woman-free zone and we're making it all about the gentlemen. There are some common fashion faux pas men commit and easy alternatives to turn any dude into a dapper fellow.

Many times, guys who dress nicely seem to get a bad rep.

Their friends may tease them for appearing feminine, even questioning their sexual

orientation. We're here to disprove these myths.

Face it: you're in college now. You're a grown man — no more shopping at Mom Buys My Clothes, Inc.

It's time to know how to dress yourself like the cool stud you are.

Don't tell your mother to go to Target and bring you home some shirts — go to the store and decide what you like yourself.

The only way you can learn what your style is and what looks good on you is by seeing what is available in stores and giving some clothes a test drive.

Don't be afraid to sport bold fashion statements. The easiest way to do this is to start incorporating a variety of colors into your wardrobe.

And no, your orange Syracuse hockey T-shirt does not count.

You don't have to be a snowboarder to wear bright colors, either. Remember, you don't have to match perfectly.

We like that the current trend leans more toward form-fitting clothing. It's understandable why you might feel weird swapping your baggy duds for ones that

show off your physique.

But trust us, the ladies — or whomever you prefer — will love it.

We especially love V-neck shirts. If you're bold enough, we dare you to show some chest.

**There are some common fashion faux pas men commit and easy alternatives to turn any dude into a dapper fellow.**

Before you start to freak out, remember that everyone appreciates a man who looks put together.

As we always say, when you put thought into what you wear, you will feel better about yourself.

So throw out those zip-off cargo pants and put on some crisp, fitted jeans.

Even your mom will appreciate it.

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
AND WBKM  
PRESENT...

**THE  
BOOKEM  
BLUES  
BAND**

LOCAL FAVORITE AT  
NECTAR'S  
PLAYED WITH  
GRACE POTTER,  
TREY ANASTASIO,  
BLUES & LASERS

LIVE AT BRENNANS NOV. 19TH  
10-12 PM  
NO ENTRANCE FEE



# VANTAGE POINT

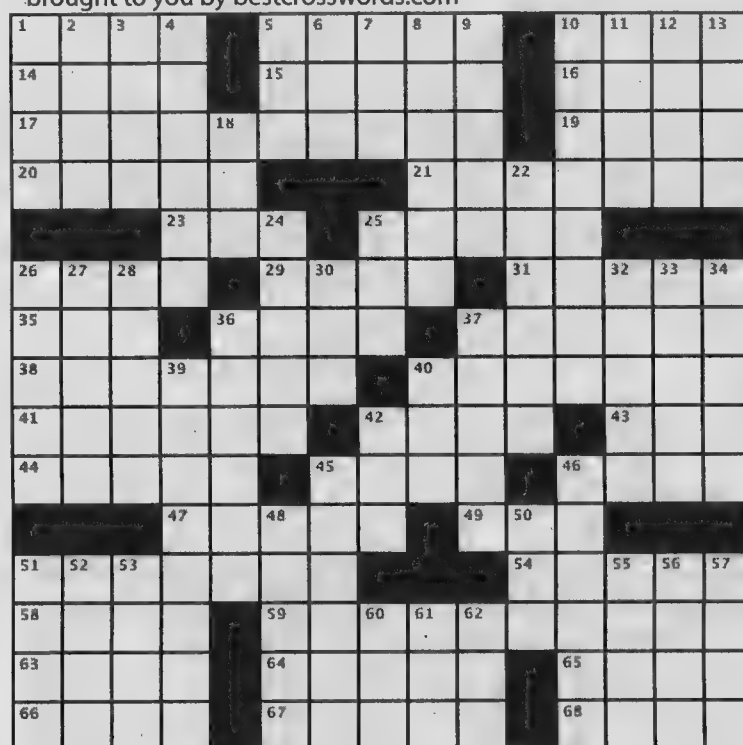
UVM's LITERARY AND VISUAL ARTS  
JOURNAL

is now accepting  
submissions  
for the fall 2009  
edition

Send your work and questions to  
**VANTAGEP@UVM.EDU**

## Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



### ACROSS

- 1- Fox
- 5- Wash lightly
- 10- School orgs.
- 14- Yorkshire river
- 15- Follows orders
- 16- Ascend
- 17- Slenderness
- 19- Sommer of film
- 20- Tropical plant used in cosmetics
- 21- Communications satellite
- 23- Capp and Capone
- 25- Photo finish?
- 26- Auditorium
- 29- Energy source
- 31- Botch
- 35- Single unit
- 36- Gas burner or Sicilian volcano
- 37- Small fish
- 38- Brook
- 40- Decrease
- 41- Recompense
- 42- Records
- 43- Sugar suffix
- 44- Big
- 45- Walk sign
- 46- Copied
- 47- Neighborhoods
- 49- Sun -sen

### DOWN

- 51- Craftsperson
- 54- Group of 12
- 58- It may be floated
- 59- Writing materials
- 63- Haul
- 64- Strum
- 65- Dies
- 66- Remain
- 67- A bit, colloquially
- 68- Damage, so to speak
- 1- Beat up
- 2- Anger
- 3- Brockovich
- 4- Pertaining to a reign
- 5- Balderdash
- 6- Son of, in Arabic names
- 7- Born
- 8- Method
- 9- Ruhr city
- 10- Abstract
- 11- Slant
- 12- silly question...
- 13- Clairvoyant
- 18- Actor Linden
- 22- Borders
- 24- Satisfies
- 25- Indian holiday

- resort
- 26- Every sixty minutes
- 27- Inner self (Jung)
- 28- Crowbar
- 30- Big bang cause
- 32- Pry
- 33- Use a divining rod
- 34- Possessed
- 36- Flowering shrubs
- 37- Humid
- 39- Awkward
- 40- Against a proposition
- 42- Fleur-de-
- 45- Combining form meaning "yellow"
- 46- Not accented
- 48- Bridge positions
- 50- "Much About Nothing", play by Shakespeare
- 51- Mountain range in central Europe
- 52- Defeat decisively
- 53- Currency unit in Western Samoa
- 55- Nothing
- 56- Ages
- 57- Russian no
- 60- Sheet music abbr.
- 61- Boy king
- 62- little teapot...

? HIV ?  
**STD** ?  
? **CDC** ?  
? **HPV** ?  
? **IUD** ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

 **Planned Parenthood**  
of Northern New England

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

1-800-230-PLAN

[www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)



[www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)

## Sudoku

### Easy

5	7			9				
		3			4			6
			2			4		
		1	3	6			5	
6			5		8			2
	3			7	2	8		
		6			1			
9			7			5		
				2			9	3

### Hard

						4	7	
4			6	5	2			8
				3		9		
2	6			1				
		1				3		
				9			5	1
		6		7				
7			5	6	1			9
5	8							







# Sports shorts

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

## Heavens Named Keeper of the Year

Vermont's Kristen Heavens became the first ever Catamount to be named America East Field Hockey Keeper of the Year last week.

She finished off her prestigious career ranked second of all time in wins — with 27 — and goals against average.

During her career she posted nine shutouts. She was heavily relied on this year as Vermont struggled on the offensive.

Other Catamounts to receive conference recognition were senior Sarah Meacham — second team all-conference — and freshman Taylor Silverstro, who made the all-rookie team.

## Kotsopoulos a candidate for national award

Senior May Kotsopoulos, captain of the women's basketball team, was selected as a candidate for the 2009-2010 Lowe's Senior CLASS award.

The award goes to the senior who best shows achievements of excellence in classroom, character, community and competition.

Kotsopoulos was the 2007-2008 America East defensive player of the year as a sophomore and helped lead the Catamounts to the America East Championship and NCAA tournament last season.

## Women's XC moving up rankings

The Vermont women's cross country team is running up the rankings, moving in to the 13th spot in the Northeast regional poll.

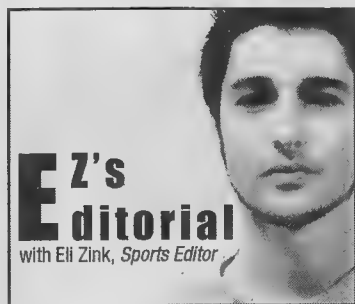
They sit ahead of rivals Boston U and New Hampshire after a strong third place finish in the 2009 America East Cross Country Championship.

## Becker named to A-East All-Academic team

Junior Jessica Becker was named to the America East All-Academic team last week after posting a 3.39 grade point average.

Becker was also a key player on the team, ranking third on the team in scoring with two goals and two assists, epitomizing the title of "student-athlete."

# Canadian influence ignites women's basketball



## The Invasion

There is a Canadian invasion taking over the Vermont women's basketball team — and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

The defending America East champions are preparing to tip off their season and they will return their core from last season in seniors May Kotsopoulos and Courtney Pilypaitis, who both call Canada home.

The accolades of these North Country playmakers speak for themselves: 2007-2008 America East Player of the Year — Pilypaitis, 2007-2008 America East Defensive Player of the Year — Kotsopoulos, and to top it off 2008-2009 America East champions.

Pretty notable, eh?

If that wasn't enough Canadian talent for one American basketball team, take a look at this year's class of freshmen.

The first thing that should be taken into account is the awesome talent that has been brought in with this class — then it should be noted that four of the six rooks are from the motherland of Pilypaitis and Kotsopoulos.

The foreign migration can be attributed to the recruiting strengths of head coach Sharon Dawley and assistant coach Jenn MacAulay, who is a Canadian native.

They've been able to tap in to the plethora of Canadian tal-

ent that flies under the radar and lure players to the neighboring state of Vermont.

The location of Vermont's campus is surely a factor for the Canadian players who can travel home by car rather than having to purchase an expensive international flight back.

What to watch for

Each of the Canadian players brings their own unique skill set, but it all starts at the top with the veterans who know how to get it done. Kotsopoulos and Pilypaitis are co-captains who have the game to back up their titles.

Both are sharpshooters from outside, with each hitting more than 40 3-pointers last season and shooting over 35 percent from the field.

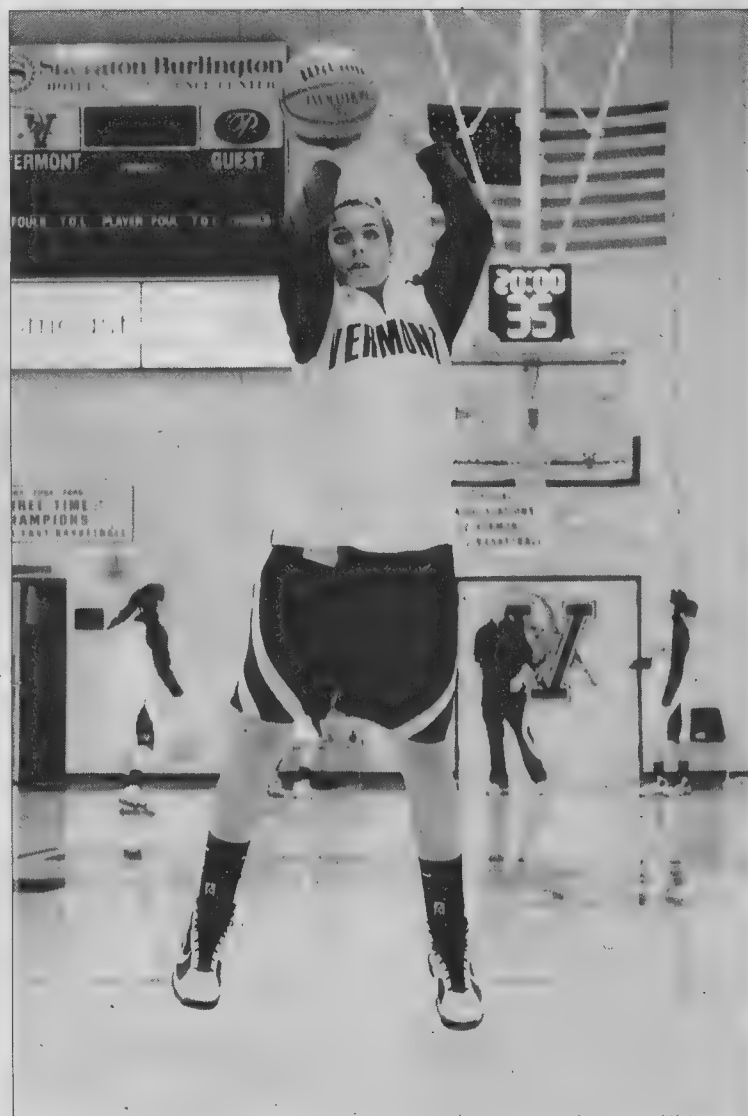
Kotsopoulos is known for her speed and lockdown defense, while Pilypaitis has uncanny court vision and play-making ability.

Watch for both of them to continue to improve as seniors and help guide their younger countrymen.

The freshman Canadian class brings in outstanding athleticism, starting with Kendra Seto, who can play any position from shooting guard to power forward. Seto's combination of speed and strength will fit well into Dawley's offense.

Kristine Lalonde brings depth to the point guard position and mirrors Kotsopoulos in raw speed. Though she's been out with an illness in the pre-season, watch for her to return to form quickly.

Lauren Wheeler, who hails from Ancaster, Ontario, fits the Pilypaitis mold of having good height, ball handling and court awareness, and will probably see the floor as the season progresses.



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Freshman Lauren Bushman shoots a jumper during warm-ups. She is one of six Canadian players on this year's women's squad.

Dawley and MacAulay addressed the losses of last years post players Kelli Poles and Andrea Cihal (also Canadian) with the recruitment of Lauren Bushman.

Bushman is a 6'1" center who brings great strength and solid athleticism down low.

Watch for her to make an immediate impact on the

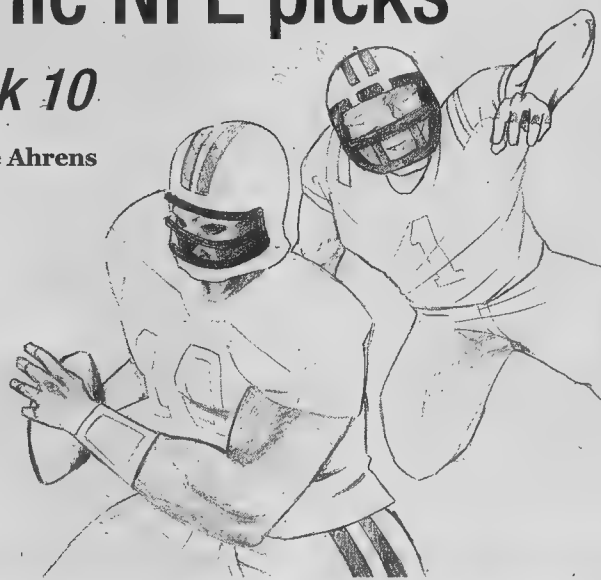
boards as she compliments current starter Alyssa Sheftic in the post.

With the steady guidance of Pilypaitis and Kotsopoulos and the infusion of young athletic talent, don't be surprised to see UVM finish as America Champions yet again.

## Cynic NFL picks

week 10

By Jake Ahrens



Cincinnati Bengals vs. Pittsburgh Steelers  
Pick Steelers

Chicago Bears vs. San Francisco 49ers  
Pick 49ers

New England Patriots vs. Indianapolis Colts  
Pick Patriots

Baltimore Ravens vs. Cleveland Browns  
Pick Ravens

The first time these divisional opponents played, the Bengals won 23-20 on a fourth-quarter touchdown with 14 seconds to spare. But the Steelers know what to expect now from one of the NFL's surprise teams and will try and gain a strong hold on the AFC North.

Also, the Steelers have not lost at home yet this year and the Bengals have a 2-2 record on the road.

This is the first Thursday night game of the 2009 NFL regular season. So both teams are coming into this game with only three days of rest from Sunday.

Neither team has been consistent this year, showing bursts of greatness and then bouts of poorness. But the 49ers have showed more promise, especially with the play of Alex Smith. Pick them in a close one.

Dallas Cowboys vs. Green Bay Packers  
Pick Packers

The Packers have one of the better run defenses in the league and the Cowboys have one of the league's better running attacks. But when push comes to shove, I always go with the defense in these sort of head-to-head match-ups.

It seems the Packers' biggest weakness is protecting Aaron Rodgers, and the Cowboys have struggled getting to the quarterback. Look for Rodgers to stay upright and lead the Pack to a victory.

Philadelphia Eagles vs. San Diego Chargers  
Pick Chargers

You're always hearing about how the West Coast teams have trouble winning on the East Coast, but never the other way around.

The only real reason I can think of why the lowly Raiders

beat the Eagles was that they played in Oakland, on the West Coast. Well the Eagles travel to San Diego, where they will struggle, McNabb will likely be inconsistent, and the Chargers will pull off the victory.

A classic 21st century rivalry continues.

If the Texans did not hand the Colts their first loss last week, then the Patriots would have undoubtedly taken it upon themselves to knock the Colts from the rank of the unbeaten.

This is definitely a game worth watching. These two teams only face each other every other year, and when they meet, they never fail to put on a show.

This is a lackluster Monday night game. Granted they are divisional opponents, but can anyone see the Browns, who average less than 10 points per game, beating the Ravens?

When the teams met the first time in week three, the Ravens scorched the Browns to the tune of 34-3. The woes will continue for Eric Mangini and one of the worst teams in the league.





last week

**Field Hockey**

11/1

Providence 4, Vermont 1

**Men's Basketball**

11/1

Vermont 92, Concordia 46

**Women's Hockey**

10/31

Northeastern 1, Vermont 0

**Swimming**

10/31

Boston University 164,  
Vermont 78,  
Binghamton 124,  
Vermont 118**Women's Basketball**

10/31

Vermont 72, Laval 43

**Field Hockey**

10/31

Fairfield 1, Vermont 0

**Men's Hockey**

10/30

Maine 4, Vermont 1

**Women's Hockey**

10/30

Northeastern 3, Vermont 0

next week

**Wednesday**

11/11

**Women's Hockey vs.  
Boston University**  
7 p.m. Boston**Friday**

11/13

**Women's Basketball @  
Western Michigan**  
6 p.m. Raleigh, N.C.**Men's Basketball @  
Loyola (MD)**

7 p.m. Baltimore

**Saturday**

11/14

**Swimming @ Maine**  
11 a.m. Orno, Maine**Women's Hockey vs.  
New Hampshire**

2 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

**Men's Hockey @  
Boston College**

7 p.m. Chestnut Hill, Mass.

**Sunday**

11/15

**Men's Hockey @  
Boston College**

4 p.m. Chestnut Hill, Mass.

**Men's Basketball @  
Buffalo**

5:30 p.m. Buffalo, N.Y.



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Sophomore Shannon Bellefeuille (25) glides with the puck during the Cats game against Princeton, which UVM won 4-3. Tides have turned for the Catamounts, who won only seven games last season, but have already won five of their first 10 games this year.

## Women's hockey is making history

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

The women's hockey team has been off to a strong start this season. After a preseason loss to McGill, the Catamounts defeated Union in both of the weekend's games.

After Union, the Catamounts went up against fourth-ranked Clarkson, who shutout the Catamounts 4-0.

The next game would prove to be much different. After a three-goal run in the second period, the Catamounts were able to defeat Clarkson and make Vermont history.

Clarkson is the highest ranked team that the Catamounts have defeated, and this was the first time Vermont had ever beaten Clarkson.

But making history didn't stop there. The following weekend, the Catamounts took on the Princeton Tigers.

After scoring three goals in the second period, UVM was able to come out on top. This was the first time in Vermont's history that they beat the Princeton Tigers.

"They were big wins for our program," junior and assistant captain Peggy Wakeham said.

"After we beat Clarkson, to come back the next weekend and have another big win against Princeton really helped our confidence, which should help us continue through the year," she said.

The freshmen are beginning to make a name for themselves on the team as well.

Freshman Emily Walsh notched her first collegiate goal,

against Clarkson while freshman Maggie Walsh got her first goal against Princeton.

"I think the freshmen are all very impressive players," senior captain Brittany Nelson said. "They're all fast and I think they fit in really well with the way we play."

Sophomore Kailey Nash, who was named Pure Hockey Player of the Week back in October, has been on a hot streak as well this year.

She has notched six goals, making her the team's highest scorer thus far. Nelson isn't far behind, with three goals.

Goaltender Kristen Olychuck has also been playing consistently at a high level, according to Wakeham.

"Oly [Olychuck] plays big for us every night. We just want to be there for her," Wakeham

said.

The team has also had some setbacks this year, in the form of two injuries:

"The biggest one would be Channing Ahbe," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "She had a real bad fall early in September, away from the rink. She is back skating now and getting close to being available to play."

"Another is Caitlin Whitlock," Bothwell said. "She injured her back sometime last spring and is still having a lot of problems and issues with it. She is still not cleared to play."

The team is looking forward to the upcoming games and has high hopes for this season.

"We definitely want to make the playoffs. It's on everybody's mind, because we've never done it here [UVM]," Bothwell said. "But there is lots of hockey left."

## Season ends for women's soccer as seniors bid Centennial Field goodbye

By John Butler  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team ended its season in Hartford with a tough 3-0 loss. The season was full of disappointment for the Catamounts who finished with an overall record of 1-13-3.

"Although our record does not indicate it, I feel that we had the most technical and competitive team in my four years here," senior midfielder and captain Rachel Andres said.

"Our chemistry on and off the field allowed us to be in every game this season, and take some successful teams into overtime games."

The Catamounts did play many exciting games where they battled to the last second in the game.

Tying America East rivals Albany and Maine in double overtime showed the team's unwillingness to give in.

"Winning the TD Bank Vermont Classic was a major highlight of our season, as well taking historically nationally ranked programs to overtime,"

head coach Kwame Lloyd said.

Of these notable teams were Loyola Marymount where the Catamounts lost in double overtime 1-0 and a 2-1 double overtime loss to Villanova University.

The team will be losing three star players in Andres and fellow captains Eliza Bradley, goalkeeper and Carson Laderoute, midfielder. These players have provided key contributions to the team over the years.

"I will certainly miss the atmosphere of playing at Centennial, and I will also miss my teammates and the fun times had competing day in and out," Bradley said.

All three agreed that they enjoyed playing here and playing with the other women on the team.

"This season was different compared to the others because it was the last time we would be playing soccer, and it made it very bittersweet," Laderoute said.

The Catamounts did make a push for reaching the America



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Junior Jessica Becker (7) and freshman Haleigh Gill (25) fight for the ball against New Hampshire earlier this season. The team failed to make the playoffs, but young talent gives promise.

East playoffs because of their many ties with such competitive teams. The last run of games proved to be tough on UVM as they were handed a slew of losses.

The team did take something very valuable away from this season that could guide them to

success in seasons to come.

"We learned that changing a program is a process, and despite our record, we made strides in the right direction," Lloyd said. "I am proud of the approach our players took in to every game and that we battled to the end."



**WEB**

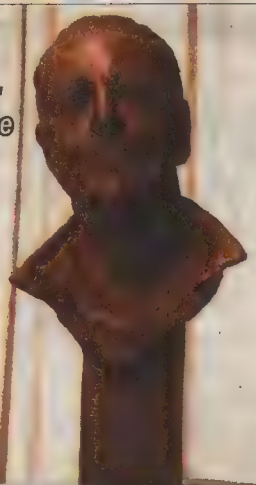
The Vermont Wind Ensemble creates a unique dynamic at Southwick Music Hall.

**OPINION**

Gay marriage retraction in Maine a setback for now, but not for long.

**5****ARTS**

Sculpture busts portray an inner sense of both the artist and her subjects.

**8**

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, November 17, 2009 | Volume 126 Issue 12 | Burlington, Vermont

## UVM to receive international students

By Pat Tyler  
Cynic Correspondent

The U.S.-Sino Pathways Program is a bid by UVM admissions to increase international student enrollment to compete with that of top universities, but it faces the challenge of easing the cultural transition from China to the U.S.

According to Vice President for Enrollment Management Chris Lucier, UVM is currently in need of a more international student body.

Lucier said that international students seeking a degree at UVM comprise only 0.6 percent of the student body.

The Sino Pathways program has already been implemented at several universities in the U.K. for over a decade.

With international studies programs at the forefront of name-brand universities in the U.S., UVM hopes that the program will help it move up in the ranks of leading public universities.

"When you improve the student experience through the quality of the classroom experience and the quality of the experience outside the classroom, that usually helps prestige," Lucier said.

The transition to American styles of learning will not be an easy one for Chinese students.

International students will have to adjust to fundamentally different styles of teaching, Lucier said.

"They're in a very teacher-centric type learning environment, so they haven't been exposed to essay exams, classroom discussions, group projects or lab projects," Lucier said. "So the whole process of beginning to help them understand Western-style learning begins in China."

Assistant Provost for Curricular Affairs Brian Reed said that students will complete a foundation year in their home country to prepare them for their coursework in America. Students will learn from American professors, including faculty from Northeastern University and others.

Reed said that having an American education while

see STUDENTS on page 2

## Coke causes controversy



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

A Coca-Cola supply truck delivers coke products, including Honest Ade and Coke-brand soda, to the Royall Tyler Theatre. Students are expressing disapproval of UVM's contract with the company.

## Coca-Cola contract renewal meets opposition from student body

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Cynic Correspondent

Students looking to get their caffeine fix with a cold bottle of Coke can continue to do so until 2012, when the UVM's contract with Coca-Cola expires. For other students, the end of the University's contract couldn't come soon enough.

As the end of the contract approaches, some students are asking for a soft drink company with a more socially responsible track record.

Freshman Justin Adelman, like many students, says he is concerned about UVM's contract with Coca-Cola because of the company's history of human rights and environmental abuses.

According to the contract, Coca-Cola has "near-exclusive" rights to beverages on campus in exchange for \$4.3 million over 10 years from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2012.

This is not the first time students have expressed concern over this issue.

Several years ago, Students for Peace and Global Justice formed a branch of Killer Coke, an organization against Coca-Cola, to try to ban the sale of Coke

on campus.

"Money was the determining factor in choosing Coke as a sponsor," David Martin, former director of UVM's purchasing department, said in a University Communication's Staff Report.

According to the report, Coca-Cola offered \$4.3 million, while

**"Although Coca-Cola gave us a good chunk of money, in the end we're supporting their bad environmental habits."**

Justin Adelman  
Freshman

Pepsi only offered \$4 million.

Coca-Cola has exclusive rights to vending machines and beverages provided within dining halls, according to the contract.

In addition, 80 percent of cooler and shelf space in University convenience stores and the UVM Bookstore is Coca-Cola's, following the terms of the

contract. Sodexo decides the other 20 percent.

Exceptions to Coca-Cola's exclusive rights are fresh-brewed coffee and tea, cider, milk, freshly blended smoothies and fresh-squeezed juices.

The contract also mandates that no competitive beverage trademarks be displayed on campus.

This also means no competitive beverages may be served at University-sponsored events.

According to Killer Coke, bottling plants in Colombia are home to "daily life-and-death struggles" for workers.

Killer Coke said that union leaders have been murdered, and hundreds of other Coke workers have been tortured, kidnapped and illegally detained by violent paramilitaries, often working closely with plant management.

Furthermore, Coca-Cola benefits from another human rights violation: child labor in sugar cane fields in El Salvador, according to Common Dreams, a national progressive nonprofit organization.

For some, concerns are not solely humanitarian, but environmental as well.

According to the India Resource Center (IRC), Coca-Cola has been operating numerous bottling plants in India in violation of environmental laws and regulations.

The plant was reported to be indiscriminately dumping its "sludge" — considered to be hazardous waste — across the plant premises and discharging its wastewater into surrounding agricultural fields, according to the IRC report.

"I think that once 2012 comes around, UVM should look for a contract with another beverage provider that better reflects UVM's eco-friendly image," freshman Jackson Diebold said.

Bard College, Bryn Mawr College, Hofstra University, Oberlin College and Rutgers University are just some of the over 40 colleges which have successfully banned the sale of Coca-Cola on campus, according to Killer Coke.

"If other schools can completely kick Coke off campus, I don't understand why a school that prides itself on being so environmentally aware can't do the same," freshman Holiday Filkins said.



## STUDENTS | UVM to incorporate Chinese students

...continued from page 1

they're still in China will ease the transition into academic life at UVM.

There will be a special emphasis on applied English, as it will play an important role in the transition of Chinese students into campus life at UVM, he said.

Selecting a major will be another challenge for Chinese students, as many of them are not completely aware of the concepts of majors and minors, Lucier said.

The majority of Chinese students will be expected to enter into business and engineering programs. However, they have also shown an interest in a broad range of majors.

"When I was in China this past summer, I talked to a number of students who were interested in environmental sustainability, education and even in jazz performance," Lucier said.

Domestic UVM students will also benefit from this exchange, Executive of International Education Services Kim Howard said.

Howard pointed out that approximately 62 percent of UVM students do not study abroad, but said that he hopes that as the percentage of students from outside of the U.S. increases, the cultural awareness of UVM students will as well.

"Enrolling more international students on campus is one way of bringing the world to UVM," Howard said.

## Board votes to divest from cluster ammunitions

Hillary Walton  
Cynic Correspondent

The University's Board of Trustees resolved to divest from cluster ammunitions, military equipment and weapons containing uranium this year, in collaboration with Students Against War (SAW).

"The point of divesting is to make a political statement that can help end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," SAW member Benjamin Silverman said. "Obviously that's a tall order, but here every little bit counts."

UVM's Socially Responsible Investing Work Group (SRIWG) has been working with SAW for over a year to move this process forward.

"After the Board of Trustees adopted the divestment policy, a working group was formed for the implementation of the policy," University Controller Claire Burlingham said, explaining SRIWG's roots.

SRIWG tries to set the bar very high for divestment, as it is costly in terms of administration and opportunity costs, but if there is good reason for the divestment of a company, it is typically very thoroughly considered, according to Burlingham.

Students from SAW brought to the Board the issues of both cluster ammunitions and military equipment containing depleted uranium, as they have adverse effects on human health and environment. According to Board of Trustee member John Snow, the cluster ammunitions are very attractive to small children because they resemble toys, causing terrible consequences.

The depleted uranium also



ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

SAW presenter and sophomore Kylie Vanerstrom explains how aerospace manufacturing company Lockheed Martin fits into UVM's investments. SAW cited half a dozen war profiteering companies that they encouraged divestment from.

contains hardening properties used in equipment such as body armor and has been identified as causing major problems to the user and to the environment through which they pass.

As a result of both of these issues, SAW requested that the University divest from companies engaged in the manufacture of cluster ammunitions and military equipment and weapons containing depleted uranium.

There are around 20 companies for divestment by the University of Vermont — most of which overseas oil and gas companies or military equipment

companies — and two major divestment resolutions in place because of SRIWG: divestment from tobacco companies receiving at least 25 percent of their revenues from the manufacture of tobacco, and companies deemed to support the regime in Sudan, which is one of SRIWG's most well-known accomplishments.

The divestment from companies that are connected with the Darfur genocide in Sudan is backed by another one of UVM's student activism groups, STAND (the student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network).

The divestment from Sudan began in May of 2006 — years before SAW's new campaign — and has held strong ever since.

"I feel that the University is making a bigger impact in divesting from those companies as a protest than they would in staying and trying to reform them from within," Silverman said.

"As an investor, the University does have a minimal say in how the companies are run, but it would be just one voice in a wilderness of wolves and it wouldn't have been able to change the company."

## VANTAGE POINT

UVM's LITERARY AND VISUAL ARTS  
JOURNAL

is now accepting  
submissions  
for the fall 2009  
edition

Send your work and questions to  
**VANTAGEP@UVM.EDU**

## Staff Council Holiday Bazaar

Thursday, December 3, 2009

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Grand Maple Ballroom  
Davis Student Center

- Artwork
- Crafts
- Gifts
- Raffle
- Baked Goods
- Wreaths

For more information, visit  
[www.uvm.edu/~stffcncl](http://www.uvm.edu/~stffcncl)

\* This is a Cash only Event

**Food Drive to benefit the  
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf**

One Non-Perishable Food Item = One Free Raffle Ticket



# ADAPTIVE SKIING SURMOUNTS VERMONT SLOPES

By Sarah Doubleday  
& Erik Worden

In Vermont, there are only two seasons: mud season and ski season.

For many, the latter is one of the most anticipated times of the year, a time when the snow flies and mountains like Sugarbush lift the ropes to skiers and snowboarders.

However, for some who love to ski, just having the desire and opportunity to is not enough. Thousands of skiers across the country cannot ski due to physical or mental disabilities.

Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is a program working to ensure that everyone — regardless of disability — has the chance to enjoy Vermont's mountains. There are currently adaptive skiing and snowboarding programs at Sugarbush Resort, Bolton Valley and Pico Mountain.

Vasu Sojitra is missing his right leg. He has also been skiing in Vermont for seven years. A freshman at UVM this year, Sojitra is looking forward to continuing his skiing career.

Adaptive skiing programs are important, according to Sojitra, because they change how people with disabilities are perceived.

"These programs show that they are just as capable," Sojitra said.

According to Sugarbush Adaptive Skiing Program Director Maggie Burke, the statewide program is run by six paid staff and over 400 volunteers.

At Sugarbush Mountain, the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports Program has been helping those with disabilities for 20 years. This program and others like it provide the equipment, expertise and confidence to disabled skiers who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the slopes.

In a letter to Vermont Adaptive Skiing, Cheryl Santos described her son Dylan's experience with the program. Dylan has been diagnosed with autism.

"Our only expectation and hope would be that Dylan would learn to love snow and just have fun. At age 12, Dylan not only loves the snow but he can ski black diamond trails with his Dad," Santos wrote.

This sentiment is echoed by the Bolton Valley program director Dave D'Angelo.

"These programs really help self-esteem and convince people they can accomplish goals," D'Angelo said.

Twenty years ago, programs like the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports Program have grown from existed at just a few mountains. Now there is a program at nearly every major ski area.

Mount Snow, located in southern Vermont, has been offering an adaptive ski and snowboard program through the nonprofit AbilityPLUS program since 1990, according to director Sue Tatem.

The benefits of being involved are certainly not financial. Tatem said that everyone involved in the program — excluding herself — is a volunteer.

The real gratification in teaching adaptive skiing comes from helping expand students' views of what they can

achieve, Tatem said.

"The students are excited, amazed and thrilled," Tatem said. "They are thankful they can do something they never thought they could do, or at least never thought they could do again."

A similar program based in southwestern New England, STRIDE, shares this same vision. The program has volunteers at Jiminy Peak in the Berkshire Mountains, Catamount in the Catskill Mountains and Ski Sundown in Connecticut.

Since its founding, the program has grown to include people with disabilities of all ages and skill levels, even partnering with the renowned Wounded Warrior program, which helps severely injured veterans.

"STRIDE is a chapter of a Disabled Sports USA out of Washington, D.C., started by wounded Vietnam veterans to help wounded vets," volunteer for STRIDE Dick Miller said. "Personally, I work with Veterans' Affairs and Disabled American Veterans, programs for veterans in Colorado, but there are many programs to be involved with."

It takes a lot of knowledge and commitment to be an adaptive instructor in both skiing and the various disabilities your prospective student may have.

"As a new candidate, it takes 20 hours of indoor training learning disabilities and 20 hours on snow," Miller said.

Miller has been teaching disabled veterans for the past 10 years, even traveling from his home outside of Albany, N.Y., to Colorado for one week each year. "These are 20-year-old guys... It's a great opportunity to get these vets out and doing the things they love again."



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic  
Freshman Vasu Sojitra will  
be joining an adaptive  
skiing program. Sojitra  
has been skiing in  
Vermont for seven years.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Copy

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

Asst. Managing Editor  
for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermينو  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoli, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoli, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## PR Manager

Elizabeth Crawford  
ecrawfor@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## We need to get naked

This school seems to have a thing for naked people. We have a nude calendar and two naked bike rides.

And what's wrong with that? Absolutely nothing.

With the Naked Bike Ride approaching and the Student Prudent Calendar being sold this week, it is an appropriate time to reflect on what makes these traditions great.

The Student Prudent Calendar does more than give you a giggle when you check the date. And the Naked Bike Ride stands for more than just a nude jaunt around campus.

In a culture saturated by unrealistic and unhealthy standards of beauty, these UVM traditions remind us what real beauty looks like: real people, naked, having fun.

According to UVM Health Promotion Services, "20 years ago the average model weighed eight percent less than the average woman — but today's models weigh 23 percent less."

These images are leading to widespread eating disorders and low self-esteem.

With normal healthy bodies almost entirely absent from popular media, we need images of regular people to remind us that there are a variety of bodies and that normal, healthy people don't look like the people on TV and in magazines.

The Student Prudent Calendar and the Naked Bike Ride do just that.

Despite the everyday body standards imposed on our generation, we are still able to step back and appreciate the nudist in all of us.

These events also reflect UVM values and culture.

Not only are they unique, but they are a celebration of the human body and our spontaneous and creative nature.

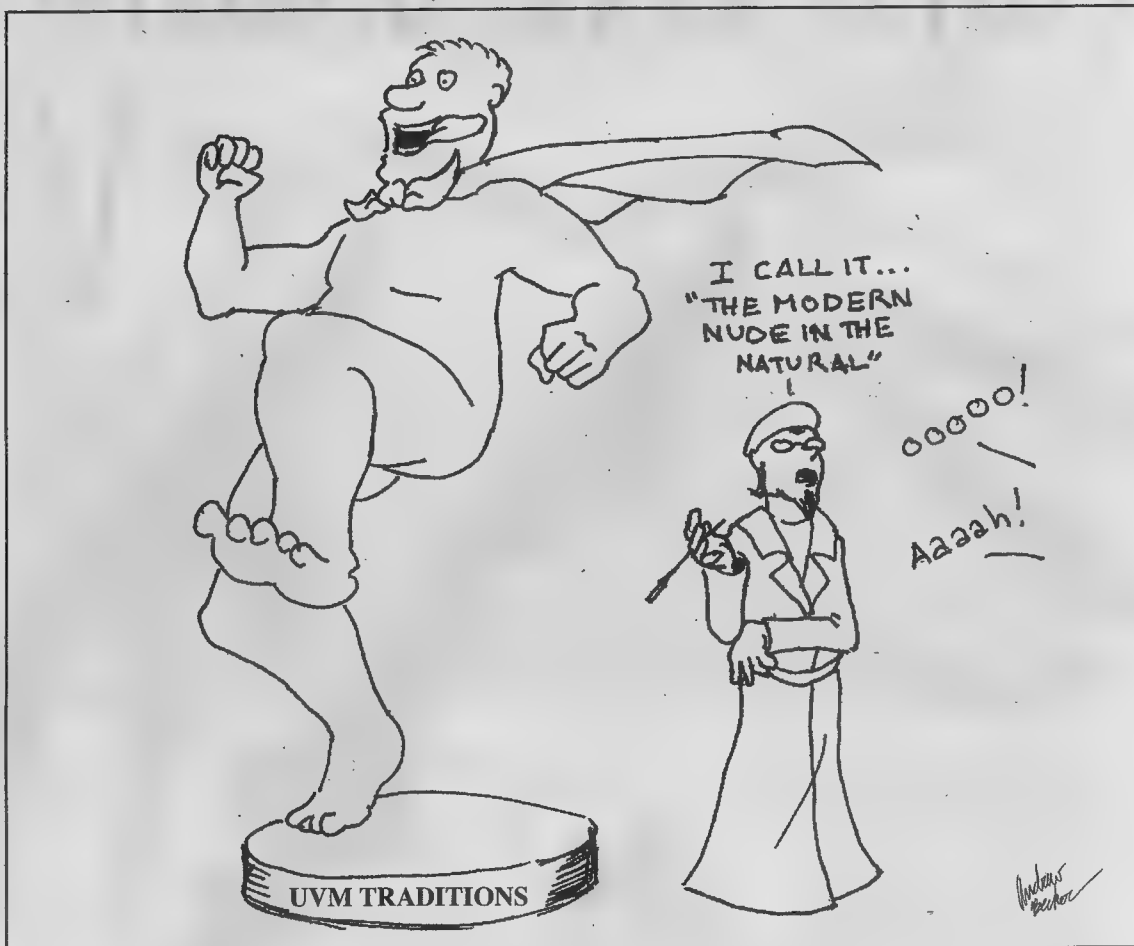
The importance of these events even goes beyond setting a beauty standard. These activities are enduring traditions at UVM. No other school has a naked calendar, and our Naked Bike Ride seems like a myth to other universities.

In addition, both events also allow students to express themselves.

They are fun and safe, and they enable students to do something outside of the box without it getting out of control.

All in all, we should be proud, not just for carrying on a tradition, but for having the confidence and capacity to do it well and with bravado.

Keep up the good work UVM. Perhaps the others will follow suit.



## COLUMNISTS



MAX KRIEGER

## Lowering standards to save lives

Our military is stretched beyond its means in two wars and several peacekeeping missions.

There just aren't enough troops to go around, and the only way the military can fill the gaps is by lowering their standards of entry.

As counterintuitive as it may seem, this is a great thing for thousands of young men and women who would otherwise not have a second chance.

The military used to be filled with the smartest, toughest and strongest, and it is being transformed into a rehabilitation center filled with the unhealthy, corrupt and academically inadequate youth of America.

According to CBS News, the

number of incoming soldiers with prior felony arrests or convictions has more than tripled in the past five years.

You may think that you would rather not have the one line of defense between you and a terrorist threat be a heroin dealer, but you might just be wrong.

The military thinks that a criminal record is not a big deal — they understand people make mistakes and even go so far as to grant "moral waivers."

Throughout their military career, the criminal record of the

**According to CBS News, the number of incoming soldiers with prior felony arrests or convictions has more than tripled in the past five years.**

recruits is never disclosed to the commanding officers.

This allows individuals a clean slate. If you've committed arson or robbed someone, the military still trusts you with a fully automatic rifle.

These desperate tactics are seen by many as chaos waiting to happen, but they are seen as a saving grace by many others.

The dangers of allowing criminals into combat are outweighed by the promise of a good soldier.

If someone is willing to put their life at stake for their country, they are clearly willing to try and change.

Corporal Angelo Vaccaro was awarded a waiver and his record was swiped clean by the military.

He then proved his heroism after he was killed rescuing two wounded soldiers.

When given a second chance, some even go beyond expectations and become the valiant warriors that we imagine them to be.

Through this boot camp rehabilitation, the military teaches the nation's delinquents not only to protect other people, but to save themselves from their self-destructive tendencies.

Last Wednesday was Veterans Day, a day when we honor the sacrifices and accomplishments of past soldiers.

In a few years, we will be commemorating the service of hundreds of convicted criminals that changed for the better thanks to the military.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"THERE'S NO BETTER TRAINING GROUND FOR POLITICS THAN MOTHERHOOD."**

— Sarah Palin in her new book "Going Rogue"

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482



## COLUMNISTS

# Gay marriage faces new opposition



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

Last week, I tackled some of the congressional and gubernatorial elections and the media's oversized response to them.

In the process, I unfairly passed over a genuinely important bit of electoral news — Maine's referendum and overturning of same-sex marriage.

Gay marriage continues its losing streak against direct democracy — bringing its record to a discouraging 31 losses for 31 referendums.

Sadly enough, I've noticed a change in the debate over gay marriage since California also struck it down last fall, and Maine's choice is already pouring fuel on this fire.

Some of gay marriage's most prominent opponents are now trying to reframe a longstanding part of the debate in their favor.

The conventional wisdom that same-sex marriage is part of the inexorable triumph of civil rights — hence unstoppable and inevitable — is now being challenged.

Traditionally gay marriage opponents felt backed into a corner by the modern world. Confronted with such stunning social realities as the pill and the backward baseball hat, most envisioned themselves as martyrs, fighting a losing battle against secular America.

**However, as much electoral evidence as she may have, at the end of the day she's still wrong.**

But as gay marriage continues to rack up setbacks at the voting booth, these people have turned that framework on its head.

With newfound courage they're desperately trying to push gay marriage into the corner they just stepped out of.

To be sure this isn't the first time opponents have tried to reframe the debate in their favor

— they're notoriously good at subtly belittling gay people.

Who hasn't heard of the "gay agenda" — that insidious desire to be treated like everybody else?

Maggie Gallagher, president of the National Organization for Marriage, said, "It really does tell you that the majority of Americans are not on board with this whole gay marriage thing."

Thing? You mean marriage?

Surely that useless filler word could have been omitted.

Of course, it does make gay marriage sound like a gimmicky fad — score one for the opposition.

My favorite comes from conservative blogger Rod Dreher, a man almost indistinguishable from Ned Flanders.

Using good old-fashioned pseudo-intellectual jargon, he criticized gay marriage proponents for their "emotivist" outlook on marriage.

Apparently, marriage is being destroyed because it's come unhinged from its traditional moral and metaphysical backbone.

Now it's just about how both partners feel about each other.

I think they call it love? I could be wrong though.

Now, unlike their ridiculous word games, conservatives do have a fairly solid framework for their attempt to reverse the burden in the gay marriage battle.

They've roundly won in all direct elections on the issue and still have a definite lead in the opinion polls.

To push the point, Gallagher wrote a cover story for *National Review* — a prominent conservative magazine — in August with the subtitle, "Why gay marriage isn't inevitable."

She frequents their ultra-popular blog with the same theme.

However, as much electoral evidence as she may have, at the end of the day she's still wrong.

Here's why: the single biggest determining factor in support for gay marriage is age.

Political scientists Jeffrey Lax and Justin Phillips broke down support for gay marriage into a helpful table that organized it by age and state. For the overall population, only eight states broke the 50 percent barrier for support.

But break it down into age groups.

For people in the 18-29 age

bracket, 38 states passed that crucial threshold.

Only Massachusetts had enough 45- to 64-year-olds that support gay marriage to crack 50.

The 65-plus crowd? In no state did support get higher than 35 percent.

The correlation is pretty clear — these are generational gaps 40 points wide.

This could help explain the results in Maine, a liberal state but also the oldest in the nation.

Sadly, Maggie's still partially right about the state of support for same-sex marriage, at least right now. The forces of resistance in America are still strong and forceful.

There is one consoling and important fact though. Gay marriage has on its side a force as powerful as it gets — time.

Still, it's a little embarrassing to tell gay people to have patience for the umpteenth time.

I'd much rather back Gallagher and company into the corner again and slap a dunce cap on them.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since the spring of 2009.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bottled up anger

Dear Editor,  
After reading the article about VSTEP encouraging the University to stop selling bottled water, I couldn't hold my tongue. Honestly? Who does it help for us to stop selling bottled water?

The last time I checked it was flu season and drinking fluids, healthy ones, is a good way to stay healthy.

This would be extremely hindered by not having bottled water sold on campus.

Not only that, but drinking water on a regular basis is healthy and many people who only drink bottled water will lose their ability to do so as easily on campus.

I understand we pride ourselves at UVM on being environmentally conscious and sustainable. I get that.

But I also like the fact that we can purchase water on campus when needed.

To be perfectly honest, it is a pain to have to constantly fill a water bottle.

I don't like to have to find a water bottle refill station, which are, to my knowledge, only located in the Davis Center.

I understand that most bottled water is tap water.

But, to me, bottled water is

not purchased for the taste or quality. It is purchased for the convenience.

And anyone who says that it is easy and convenient to carry the same water bottle and fill it up at the Davis Center is simply lying.

I agree and understand that bottled water isn't great for sustainability or the environment as a whole.

However, I also know that

water is one of the healthiest fluids to drink, and making it unavailable to be purchased on campus would be a travesty.

I don't even purchase bottled water on a regular basis, but it's nice to know that I can if I want to.

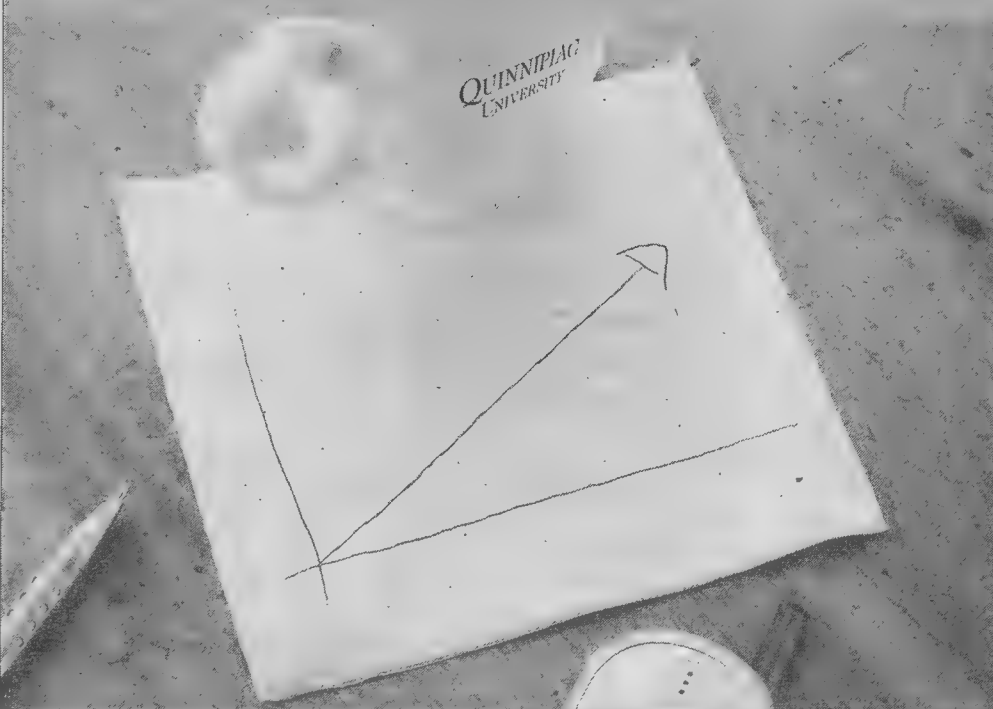
Sincerely,  
Justin Jowett  
Class of 2010

Have an opinion?  
See any thing you  
disagree with?

Put your  
voice  
in The  
Cynic!  
Write  
a Letter to  
the Editor and see it  
in print here in the  
Opinion section.

E-mail  
letters to  
vcoped@  
uvm.edu

## THE ONLY THING GROWING FASTER THAN OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS IS OUR REPUTATION.



Biomedical Sciences  
Cardiovascular Perfusion  
Computer Information Systems  
Education - Elementary  
Education - Secondary  
Educational Leadership  
Interactive Communications  
Journalism  
Law  
MBA-CFA® Track (Chartered Financial Analyst)  
MBA/HCM (Health Care Management)  
MBA/SCM (Supply Chain Management)  
MBA/JD (Joint degree in business and law)  
Molecular & Cell Biology  
Nurse Practitioner  
Pathologists' Assistant  
Physician Assistant  
Public Relations  
Radiologist Assistant

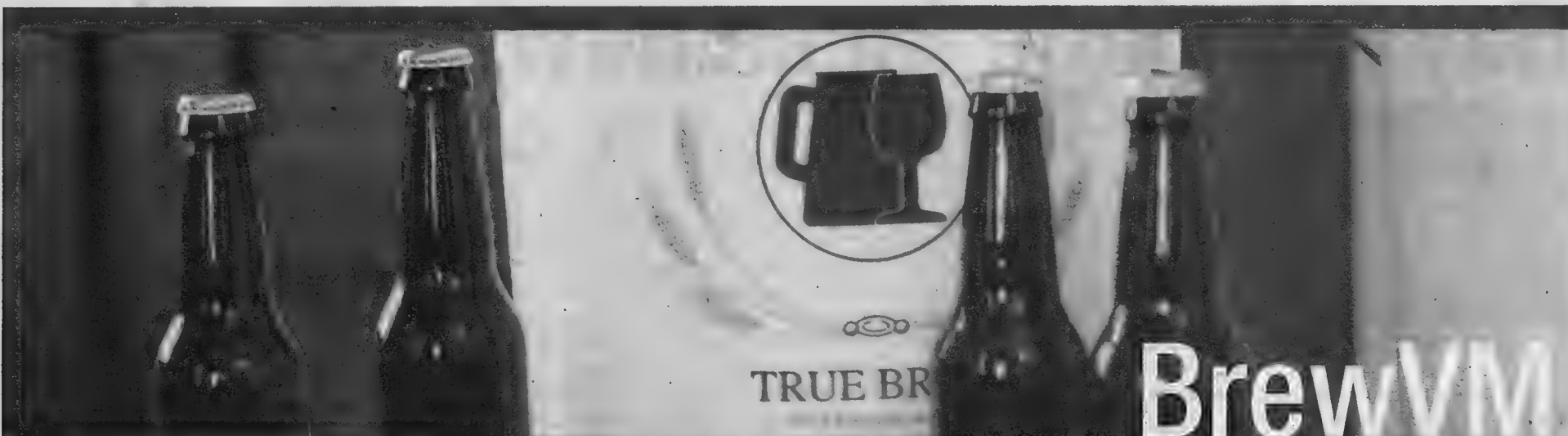
Graduate Online Programs  
Interactive Communications  
MBA  
Occupational Therapy (post-professional)  
Organizational Leadership

Learn more: [www.quinnipiac.edu/gradstudies](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/gradstudies)

Graduate Programs: [graduate@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:graduate@quinnipiac.edu)  
Graduate Online Programs: [quonlineadmissions@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:quonlineadmissions@quinnipiac.edu)  
Law School: [ladm@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:ladm@quinnipiac.edu)

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY  
1-800-462-1944 | Hamden, Connecticut





**DAMIR ALISA** | The Vermont State  
Senior Ben Shupe demonstrates his beer-brewing processes in his  
downtown home. Student brewing is on the rise at UVM.

## UVM students learn science behind beer

By Elizabeth Bruner  
Staff Writer

It's no secret UVMers like to drink.

However, more UVM students are brewing their own beer and learning the chemistry behind Natty Light and the cell biology of Magic Hat's Number Nine.

Leading the way in this elevated understanding of beer is Dr. Todd Pritchard, a lecturer in the Nutrition and Food Sciences Program and teacher of What's Brewing in Food Science.

In his course, "Dr. Todd" aims to teach his students about the science behind brewing beer.

"The first day, I ask my students, 'What do you think about when you see water?' Then I pull out a Natty Light.

Pritchard said that he does this to emphasize the difference between a beer like Natural Light versus a homebrew.

Natty Light is just like water and tastes like crap, but there is flavor, character and tradition behind homebrews, he said.

"Homebrews and microbrews are about community," Pritchard said. "With Natty Light, you get just drunk and stupid."

However, in class, Dr. Todd does not brew beer with students.

"It's theory-based," Pritchard said. "We talk about the history and process of brewing. We look at ingredients. We talk about the chemistry, biology, cell biology and sometimes the physics of brewing."

Pritchard said he tries to apply these concepts to different majors too, like business.

"Hopefully we see how that cross-pollinates," he said.

His students seem to enjoy his intro to brewing class as well.

"It was pretty well-taught. After I took the class I continued brewing until I went abroad in the spring," Ben Shupe, a senior chemistry major and home-brewer, said.

While the instruction can be informative, students agree that the process of making beer is no simple task.

"Brewing is not easy, but I'm doing well because I've been studying," senior and civil engineering major Colin Hutchins said. "I brew beer at home," said.

Brewing is a science to get each part of the process correct.

"The hardest part is sanitation," Shupe said. "Brewing itself is fairly easy... Anything that touches beer must be kept clean. Any impurities can alter the taste of beer."

"You can make alcohol

pretty easily, but making good alcohol is hard," Pritchard said.

With such a knack for brewing and a taste for the finest concoctions, Pritchard said his favorite beers are the ones he makes himself.

Pritchard's brewing class is now one of the most popular Nutrition and Food Science courses at the University.

The class began five years ago, Pritchard said. "It's really taken off. This will be the first year where I'm teaching both semesters."

Vermont Homebrew Supply in Winooski has all the supplies for aspiring home brewers, Shupe said. They sell basic and advanced home brewing kits, in addition to the necessary ingredients and equipment, including clean bottles.

Even parents are willing to contribute to this sort of habit.

"I know of parents who will buy supplies for their kids who are trying to learn how to brew beer," Pritchard said. "They don't brew to get intoxicated, they brew to enjoy their beer."

UVM95 will be offered again this upcoming spring semester and is open for 175 students who want to learn the basics of brewing.

## Socially responsible intern program makes the grade

By Henry Bond  
Staff Writer

This economy is not the most welcoming for many soon-to-be college grads, but an internship could be a buoy to keep job prospects afloat.

At least, that is Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility's (VBSR) belief.

Their nearly three-year-old internship program has placed 56 students in internships with socially responsible businesses around the state.

Three students have even been hired at their former internships after graduation, VBSR Intern Program Coordinator Tara Pfeiffer-Norrell said.

Mary Beth Barritt, assistant director of Career Services at UVM, praises the VBSR intern program.

"We have referred so many students to the VBSR program," Barritt said. "It used to be a good

thing to do an internship. Now it's almost a necessity."

"Internships are a great way to explore your interests," Barritt said. "You get exposure to real problems that you don't find in textbooks. You can get academic credit for internships and transferable skills that you can take with you into any position."

According to the website, VBSR is a nonprofit, statewide business organization with socially and ecologically conscious members such as Ben & Jerry's, Seventh Generation, NRG Systems and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

"With VBSR, the emphasis on thinking about socially responsible business is huge. They really think about social justice and economic justice for the state," Barritt said.

"I think it's also a great source of networking for both large and small businesses in Vermont."

Even the Vermont state government supports the program.

"The intern program is part of Vermont legislation and is grant funded by the Vermont Department of Labor," Pfeiffer-

**"[An internship] gives you something more tangible than a piece of paper after you graduate"**

**Tara Pfeiffer-Norrell**  
VBSR Intern Program  
Coordinator

Norrell said.

"As a statewide business association, we thought it would be a good way to help with workforce development."

VBSR encourages students to get involved with an internship

during their undergraduate years.

"It shows businesses you have some experience and idea of business culture. It's a good way to learn about business environments and learn if it's something you want to do," Pfeiffer-Norrell said.

"[An internship] gives you something more tangible than a piece of paper after you graduate," she said.

Internships can really help out with a job search and they have the ability to enhance a resume.

"I would definitely recommend the program to my friends," recent UVM grad Tanya Mills said. "It gave me a lot of contacts of people who would be references for me. It gave me more confidence in what I can do."

"Looking back, not having an internship would have been really difficult," Mills said. "The value you get out of an internship

is much more than money you could have made, even if the internship is unpaid."

Fortunately for students, VBSR internships are paid, Pfeiffer-Norrell said.

"All the career counselors, we all think the program is great," Barritt said.

"There are more and more students looking for internships," she said. "They really understand that it's important to gain experience through community service, internships, work-study jobs and part-time jobs."

"The program is still in the process of growing," Pfeiffer-Norrell said. "We have more and more businesses interested all the time. It provides more opportunities for students."

"Overall, most businesses said they would definitely work with an intern again," she said.

"We love students coming in," Barritt said. "We believe in experience."



# Feeding the hungry during the holidays

## UVM Campus Kitchens has many projects for the holiday season

By Tabatha Leahy  
Staff Writer

Feverishly chopping and slicing away, amateur chefs Mike Cavanaugh and Hannah Beal aren't cooking meals for paying customers.

Involved since its conception, these seniors are the cooks and leaders of the Campus Kitchens Project, a student-run organization that dishes up meals using leftover food from UVM dining halls.

With cooking and community in mind, Campus Kitchens reached out to the student body during the past two weeks through a donated recipe fundraiser.

Right now, Cavanaugh said that, with Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, the fundraiser is focusing on holiday recipes.

However, their inspiration comes year-round.

"We want to emphasize that Campus Kitchens is active daily," he said. "It's not only during the holidays."

The need for recipes is supplemented by this popular fundraiser, which is scheduled around the seasons and holidays.

"I noticed the posters all around campus — I believe it's a good idea," sophomore Haley

Clayton said. "It connects UVM to the greater Burlington community and helps those less fortunate than us."

In addition to this recent effort, Campus Kitchens will be hosting their annual neighborhood feast on Nov. 19. The event will be held at the Champlain Senior Center on North Winooski Avenue.

**"It's about the community. We want to help Burlington as they have welcomed UVM students into the area."**

**Mike Cavanaugh**  
*Campus Kitchens leader*

"It's free food donated by local partners and the UVM campus," Cavanaugh said.

"It's not just a meal, it's a feast," Beal said.

"The community and donors have been very generous," Beal said. "This program prospers off of donations and volunteers."

"It's about the community," Cavanaugh said.

"We want to help Burlington as they have welcomed UVM students into the area."

Campus Kitchens started at UVM because of the people in each community who need nourishing meals.

"Every college campus [that] has unserved food in its dining halls and brilliant students in its classrooms," the Campus Kitchens' website said.

"UVM is the first school in the Northeast to have a campus kitchen," Cavanaugh said. "Boston University is now following in our footsteps and recently began a Campus Kitchens Project."

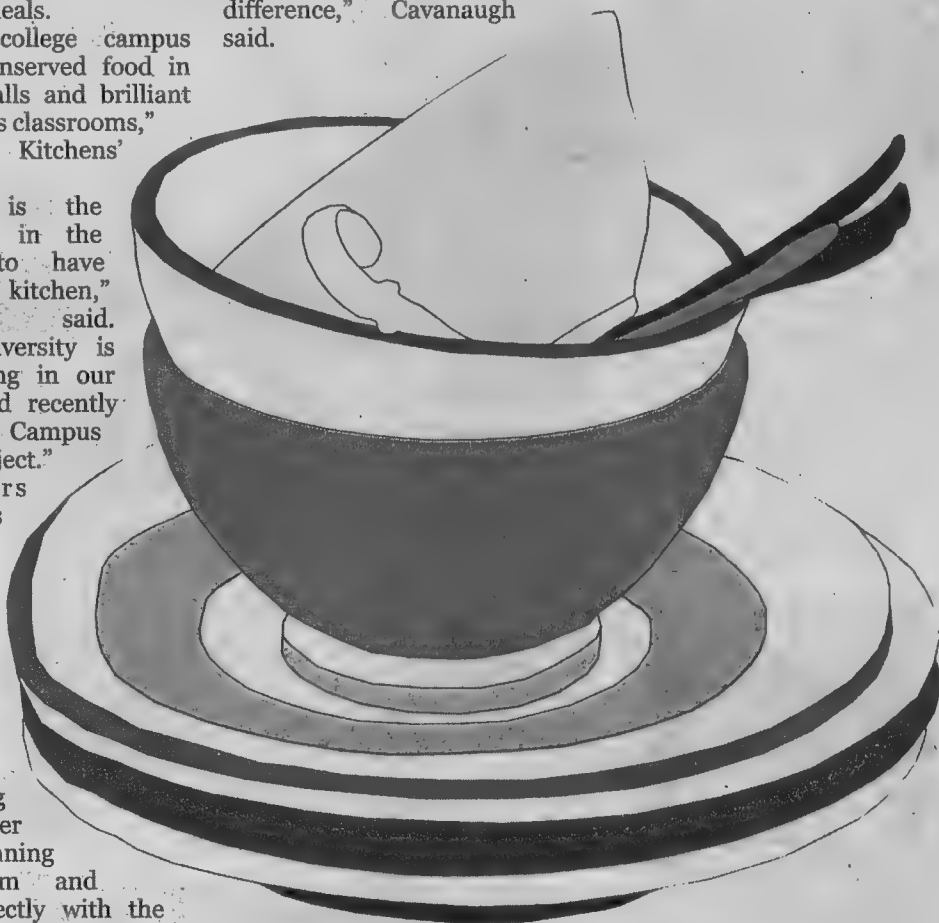
Members

of Campus Kitchens are active in more ways than just their usual cooking during the school year.

"I stayed here during the summer break running the program and working directly with the Healthy City program, which

is dedicated to aiding at-risk youth," Beal said. "We teach them about the value of an education, job and a healthy diet."

"You truly make a difference," Cavanaugh said.



**BAT BANDS**  
**FINALS**

FEATURING COMEDIAN JAY COOPER  
FREE EVENT  
NOVEMBER 21st  
GRAND MAPLE BALLROOM  
4th FLOOR DAVIS CENTER  
7PM DOORS AT 6:30

UVM.EDU/BORED

TO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS CONTACT  
UPB AT 656-2076 OR UPB@UVM.EDU

UVM PROGRAM BOARD

**Campus**  
**REHABGYM**

*New Burlington Location!*

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

Maria Thibault, PT, ATC, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.



# Drums, dance and culture collide

## Local drum collective brings West African culture to Vermont

By Dan Suder  
Staff Writer

Ethnic West African percussion and color filled Burlington's City Hall last weekend as part of the West African Drum and Dance Festival.

The 15th annual festival, organized by local collective Jeh Kulu, drew people from across the nation between Nov. 5 and 8. In addition to dance and drum classes offered by teachers from Guinea, Senegal, Mali and the Ivory Coast, the public was able to enjoy performances by Jeh Kulu and guests.

Jeh Kulu, which means "community" in Bambara, a Mali language, hopes to "raise cultural awareness, create a sense of community and at the same time, have fun," according to their website.

"The idea is to open people's eyes to difference and to show how sharing cultures can be done," assistant artistic director Jamaica White said.

White, a lifelong dancer, has served as Jeh Kulu's assistant artistic director for the last 12 years. Originally trained in ballet, she has grown to love the West African dance because of its universal similarities.

"Dance is about expressing yourself and connecting with other people," White said.

Jeh Kulu specializes in the many dance and drum styles of West Africa. The different rhythms and dances are used for a wide variety of ceremonies and rites of passage.

"Drums are a part of so many different parts of life. There are ceremonies for birth, weddings, the harvest, everything," musical director Ismael Bangoura said.

Like White, Bangoura has



**KELSEY WOOLEY** | The Vermont Cynic  
Dancers during Burlington's 15th annual West African Drum and Dance Festival perform to beats by collective Jeh Kulu. The collective has brought a new aspect of culture to the Burlington area.

been part of Jeh Kulu for 12 years. In his time with the group, the ensemble has developed a powerful way to delve into the vibrant West African culture.

"The idea is to share the culture of Africa. This has become easier as we have invited African guests to perform and teach – it's totally different now.

We have created a group for ourselves and for the culture," Bangoura said. "I'm proud of the group for sharing culture with

everyone."

Jeh Kulu does manage to share culture with the public in a vibrant and exciting way. As Bangoura and about 10 other drummers performed, a collection of dancers learned and displayed Guinean dance steps.

The dances were extremely energetic and expressive, with strong arms and powerful stomping.

Maria Clinton, a participant from New Hampshire, said that

the class was all she had hoped for.

"It was a really exciting class. I learned a bunch about dance and had a lot of fun doing it. The steps had a sort of humor, and the energy was great," she said.

Energy and expression are recurring themes of drums, dance and the festival as a whole.

The daughter of artistic director White, 9-year-old Awa has danced since she could walk. She is truly a testament to Jeh

Kulu's goals.

"You get energy [from dance]," Awa said. "And you do it to have fun."

The dances tell stories, and this year's Jeh Kulu performance was about peace and overcoming war, White said.

Her knowledge of the culture, the dances and the stories represents a new generation of culturally conscious Vermonters influenced by of Jeh Kulu.

# Shaplin busts into the court

By Katie Ida  
Asst. Features Editor

This court, neither royal nor filled with six-foot NBA stars, peers at its viewers from pedestals and walls with intense emotion and startling realism.

On Friday, Nov. 6, Oriana Shaplin exhibited her latest collection of figurative sculpture — a set of unique and captivating busts — at Designhaus in Burlington.

The portraits — severed from the shoulders up — convey, whether angry or indifferent, an incredibly human narrative.

Shaplin sculpts from life, molding the busts in clay and then casting them into plaster portraits, Shaplin said. After she casts, she paints the busts different colors of rich bronze, black and white.

All of the models are people within Shaplin's network of friends. Shaplin asked people she knew to sit down and pose for her in their free time, she said.

"I really like capturing personalities," Shaplin said.

A whitewashed head scrutinizes the room with a sideways glare and a small smirk. The

middle-aged man could be your professor, a bank manager or a Starbucks barista. His look begs you to ask what or whom he is thinking about.

While she always works from live models, busts are exclusive to this show, Shaplin said.

"When I work, I generally try

**"I came in at first and looked up close, and when you stand back you get an entirely different perspective."**

**Adrienne Raphael**  
Attendee of exhibit

to capture the human experience and create something that is going to connect with the viewer — that goes beyond words," Shaplin said.

The sculptural portraits create an eerie yet intriguing climate in the small gallery.

"I came in and looked up close, and when you stand back you get an entirely different perspective," viewer Adrienne Raphael of Burlington said.

Mounted on the white walls, a black cast-iron man's face stares from within a wreath of leaves with intent eyes. Frozen — a tin man without his oil can — the face draws the viewer in and leaves him or her questioning who he is.

"I appreciate all the thinking that goes into each tiny detail, whether it is finished or unfinished — it tells you something about the person or the artist," viewer Scott Tobias of Burlington said.

The busts, a neo-classical tradition, are not something often seen in contemporary art, giving Shaplin a rare opportunity to combine both old and new art forms.

"You don't see realistic busts anymore," Tobias said.

"Into the Court" is a small, unique exhibit that is definitely worth seeing.



**KATIE CASSIDY** | The Vermont Cynic  
Artist Oriana Shaplin's "Into the Court" exhibit. Plaster-cast figurative sculptures taken at the Designhaus on Church St.



# Difficult decisions in "Rosalee Was Here"

An unusual plot weaves the compelling tale of one troubled youth

By Chris Leo Palermino and John Nagy  
Arts Editor and Cynic Correspondent

This is not the rosy coming-of-age story of years past.

In "Rosalee Was Here," the latest production by Green Candle Theatre, veteran Burlington playwright and director Maura Campbell tells the difficult tale of a troubled girl on a misguided life path.

Rosalee Darien, a mischievously cunning 13-year-old girl on probation for the sexual abuse of her sister, has to be supervised at all times.

This supervision is the crux of the play, as it forces graduate student Molly and school principal Mr. Holiday to juggle their busy lives with parenting Rosalee.

The relationship between Rosalee and her role models defines both the strengths and difficulties of the play.

While at times it is hard to watch because Rosalee is such a nasty, contentious character, dramatic scenes make the plot intriguing and dynamic.

Liz Gilbert, a ninth-grader from U-32 High School, brings Rosalee to life with moments of both ferocity and incredible grace.

Seasoned actress Tracey Girdich portrays Molly in scenes that depict Rosalee slowly but surely forming a bond with her mentor.

It is in these scenes that unusual insights into the human behavior, especially the brilliance of a child and how children can change adults' minds, become clear.

While the intensity between Molly and Rosalee develops the plot by empowering her with motivating words, her principal, Mr. Holiday, is not as successful.

Mr. Holiday, played by Dennis McSorley, is a villain with a bit of a sensitive side that Rosalee manipulates.

In arguments between Mr. Holiday and Rosalee, his role in power causes him to remain a dull, static character.

Dramatic scenes make "Rosalee Was Here" more than a difficult play — it becomes an introspective look on how relationships can mold a person.



MARTINE WONG | The Vermont Cynic

Rosalee, played by ninth-grader Liz Gilbert, shines in Maura Campbell's "Rosalee Was Here" at the Outer Space Café. The play depicts how a mistreated child can stand up for herself.

# SPARE TIME

## Family Fun Center

# CITY SPORTS GRILLE

- ◆ Latest State of the art Bowling center!
- ◆ 110" HD Projection TV
- ◆ Over 50 TVs
- ◆ FREE Peanuts
- ◆ Value Priced Pub Style Menu
- ◆ Weekly Drink Specials & Giveaways
- ◆ Entertainment Weekly
- ◆ Two Level Multi-faceted Sports Bar
- ◆ Corporate Parties & Special Functions

**NFL SUNDAY TICKET**  
WATCH ALL YOUR NFL TEAMS HERE

Live It Up...Go Bowling!

**Buy One Game Get One Free!**  
(up to six people)

Limit One Coupon Per Person Per Day. Not Valid Friday or Saturday after 5pm or in conjunction with any other discounted rates. Enjoy by 11/30/09

sparetimecolchester.com

**STRIKE UP SOME FUN AT SPARE TIME**  
Colchester 655-2720  
Lower Mountain View Drive (across from Costco), Colchester, VT

# THREE BROTHERS

## Pizza & Grill

Coca-Cola FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED Coca-Cola

Show your College ID to get 20% OFF Your Entire Order

Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

Now accepting CAT Scratch

Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt coke product and dozen wings

**\$24.99**

Not to be combined with any other offer

www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com

973 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Colchester, VT

802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075

Open Seven Days a Week:  
Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri- Sat 11a-10pm



# CALENDAR

tues. 17: film + talk: john trudell  
5.00pm, billings n. lounge

weds. 18: film: born into brothels  
5.30pm, women's center

thur. 19: neighborhood feast w CKP  
6.00pm, champlain senior ctr.

fri. 20: transgender day of  
remembrance

sat. 21: battle of the bands finals  
7.00pm, maple ballroom (dc)

sat. 21: free concert - iyeoka  
9.00pm, brennan's

[uvm.edu/bored](http://uvm.edu/bored)



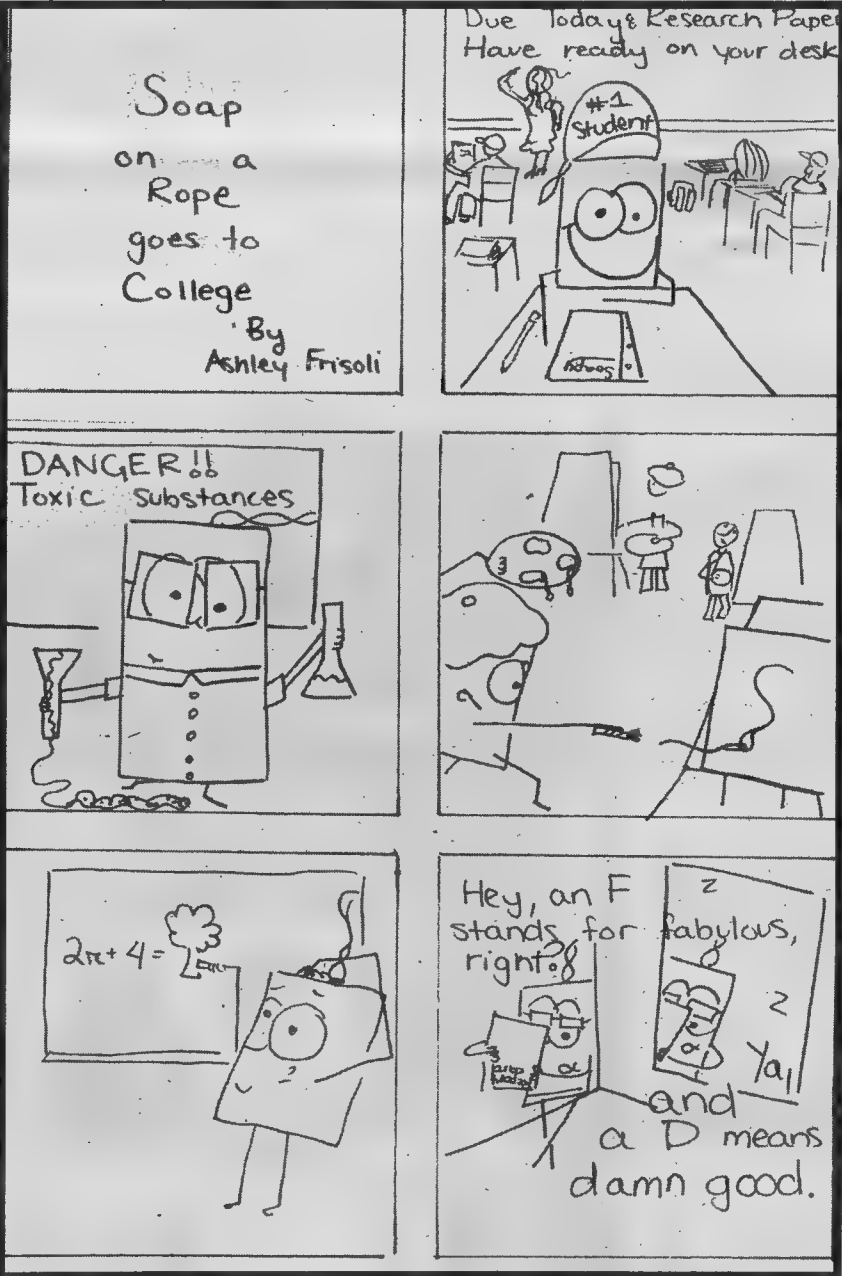
No Good Reason By R. Valenti



Cult Classics By Phil Zuckerman

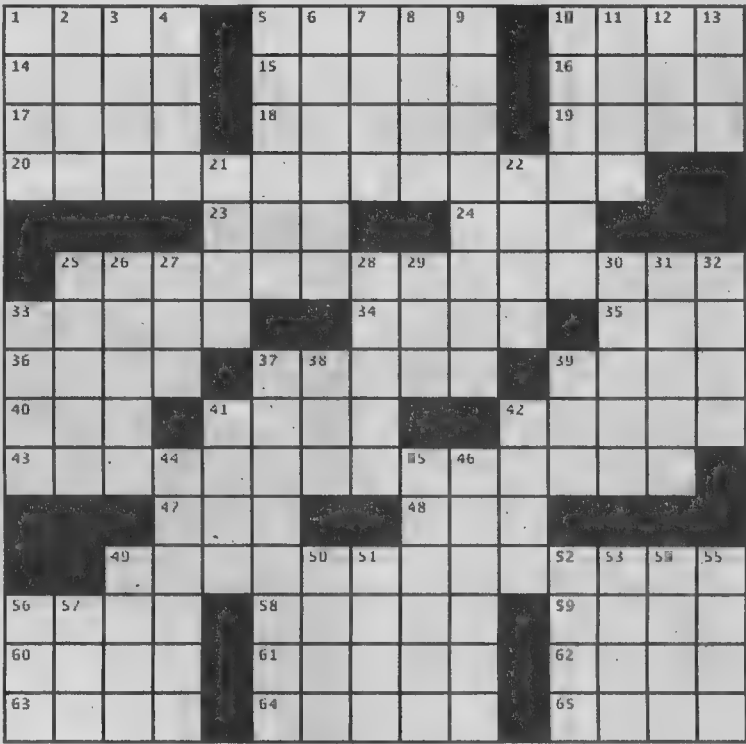


Soap on a Rope by Ashley Frisoli



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



- ACROSS
- 1- Hairless  
5- Room at the top  
10- Soft cheese  
14- Et \_\_\_\_  
15- Fidelity  
16- Slippery  
17- Curse  
18- Foot bones  
19- Abrading tool  
20- Disputation  
23- Business abbr.  
24- Actor Gulager  
25- Resembling a prehistoric human  
33- Freedom from war  
34- Brit's exclamation  
35- Sound of a cow  
36- Breather  
37- Go with the flow  
39- All there  
40- Form of poem, often used to praise something  
41- Revenuers, for short  
42- Paris end  
43- Pertaining to prehistoric humans  
47- Where It's at  
48- Boat propeller
- 49- Not reclaimable  
56- Biblical trio  
58- Next after the second  
59- Greek goddess of the earth  
60- Siouan speaker  
61- Keyed up  
62- 1999 Ron Howard film  
63- Young salmon  
64- Holder  
65- Network of nerves
- DOWN
- 1- Ali \_\_\_\_ & the 40 thieves  
2- Banned apple spray  
3- Kind of cod  
4- Mon \_\_\_\_  
5- Be present  
6- Daze  
7- Legal wrong  
8- \_\_\_\_ boy!  
9- Gossip  
10- Defile  
11- Bridle strap  
12- Sick  
13- Needle hole  
21- Pit  
22- Now \_\_\_\_ me
- down...  
25- \_\_\_\_ lift?  
26- Art supporter  
27- Perform in a play  
28- Cheerful  
29- Sugar amt.  
30- Muscat native  
31- Grecian architectural style  
32- Evil is as evil \_\_\_\_  
33- Play thing  
37- Almond-flavored liqueur  
38- Bear lair  
39- Little drink  
41- Travel from place to place  
42- Configuration  
44- More spine-tingling  
45- Husky  
46- Commando  
49- Borodin's prince  
50- Masticate  
51- Waterfall  
52- Antiquing agent  
53- Directed  
54- Riga resident  
55- Icicle site  
56- Cleaning implement  
57- Loss leader?



Mac Sales and Service  
APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc.  
Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more. Service of PC's as well.  
Baha Computer Works, 200 Main St, Burlington.  
bahacomputerworks.com  
-baha@madriver.com  
802.279.8756, 802.657.3933





# Season looking up for men's hockey

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

With the return of junior Justin Milo and senior goalie Mike Spillane to the mix, things are looking up for the men's hockey team after some early season troubles.

This past weekend was strong for the Catamounts, battling to a 3-3 tie against UMass-Lowell on Friday and defeating Providence 3-0 on Sunday.

The weekend's success comes after two decisive losses against Merrimack and Maine in late October.

"I'm a firm believer in the notion that adversity does make a team stronger," head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

**"We knew we were a great hockey team and I don't think we ever lost that."**

**Brayden Irwin**  
Senior Forward



Forward Jack Spillane (21) drags the puck along the boards, avoiding the River Hawks' defense in a 3-3 tie Friday, Nov. 13.

"Definitely a satisfying weekend," senior Brayden Irwin added. "Tough little stretch there, but it was good to get back on track and in the right direction."

Though learning from past losses was a motivating factor for the team, Milo's return to the roster certainly helped.

Milo scored three goals last weekend.

Because of an injury, Milo was not able to participate in an exhibition game before the

start of the season, forcing him to return to the ice with less practice.

"We're very proud of him being able to step right in and play at the highest level of his game," Sneddon said. "To step into an important league game against one of the best teams in the country in Lowell and have an impact, I was very pleased for him and certainly proud."

Solid goaltending was

another huge part of the team's ability to get back into form.

Though the goaltending duties have been largely left to sophomore Rob Madore since last season, it was Spillane who took over the net Sunday and earned the shutout with 33 saves.

Spillane is coming back from an injury this season as well and is ready to make an impact, according to Sneddon.

"He's done a great job in practice and preparation," Sneddon said.

Spillane's return will be adding some new uncertainty to the goalie position.

"It's a great problem to have as a coach to have two goalies playing very well," Sneddon said. "Rob played great on Friday, Mike was outstanding on Sunday."

Irwin added that the team

is remaining confident looking toward the rest of the season, and a two-game series at Boston College this weekend.

"There definitely was a stretch there for a couple games where we didn't feel we were living up to what we were capable of, but we knew we were a great hockey team and I don't think we ever lost that," Irwin said.

## Cats aim for championship

By Will Andreycaak  
Staff Writer

In 2005, the Catamount men's basketball team did what all mid-major college basketball teams dream of doing: They won their conference tournament, earning them a bid in the NCAA Tournament.

Not only did they reach the NCAA tournament, they upset the Syracuse Orange, who has one of the most storied basketball

programs in the history of college basketball.

It was the kind of win that, for the victors, will never be forgotten.

As the 2009 season tips off this week, the goal of making the NCAA tournament seems very tangible for the Cats who are accustomed to finishing near the top of the conference.

The numbers have been there but the end results haven't been what the Cats desire most.

"We have won more games than any America East team the last four years, but the one goal that has eluded us is winning the conference tournament and making the NCAA tournament," head coach Mike Lonergan said.

"It is one of our goals this year but it won't be easy."

While the road will certainly not be an easy one, the Catamounts ranked second in the America East preseason polls, picked only behind Boston University.

Despite not being chosen first in the polls, the team is not concerned.

"Being ranked second in the preseason polls is nice but it really doesn't do anything for our confidence as a team," senior point guard Nick Vier said. "I think every year since I've been here we've been ranked in the top two or three, so rankings don't really mean anything to us."

Regardless of where they rank, there is a sense of urgency this year to reach the NCAA tournament, as the window of opportunity has begun to slide shut for the seniors.

"We have guys who have been here for four years and haven't won a conference tournament. It would be nice to win one for them," senior Maurice Joseph said.

Another looming question is whether or not they can be as good as, or exceed the achievement of, the memorable 2005 team that beat Syracuse in the first round of the tournament.

"The 2005 Vermont basketball team was the best team in program history, so right now there is no comparison between [us]," Lonergan said.

"We have the chance to be a very good team this year, but we have to prove that on the court."



Senior Marqus Blakely jumps for a rebound during pre-season game against Saint Michael's. UVM beat Saint Michael's 73-44.





LIFE

The woman behind the scene of Henderson's Cafe describes the tricks to her trade.

6

ARTS

"You can't take it with you" portrays the endearing quality of a quirky family.

9

FEATURE

Finding the independence with study abroad — how much help should you need?

8

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday November 24, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 13 | Burlington, Vermont

## SGA's Party Smart hits web after shaky start

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

It's no secret that some students drink, but now the UVM website is giving them tips on how to do it.

The Party Smart campaign was officially launched November 18 2008, when the SGA added the webpage to the University website's A-Z after a year of controversy surrounding how to best advise students on drinking safely.

Party Smart offers non-drinking alternatives to having fun, SGA senator Julia Michel said, and if students do choose to drink alcohol, it offers some tips on how to drink safely — like drink water and eat before drinking, and have taxi numbers in your phone.

Chris Shackett, former chair of SGA's Committee on Legislative Action (CoLA), said that UVM students need to be more responsible with their drinking, citing an off-campus incident earlier this month where a UVM student allegedly raped a female student.

"It's been getting out of control," Shackett said, expressing his concern that dry residency halls force students off campus where safety isn't always the top concern.

"The idea [behind Party Smart] is to acknowledge that students drink, and to encourage it to be done in a safe way," Shackett said.

He said the website has been lacking appeal since revisions done last year removed content and changed wording.

"It's dumbed down," Shackett said. "Party Smart was supposed to be a website to the students by the students."

Two years ago, CoLA introduced the Party Smart Initiative bill to the SGA with the goal of creating a website that would improve relations between students and Burlington residents.

When CoLA presented Party Smart to UVM's community coalition, some issues arose after the SGA had already spent \$1,500 on the construction of the webpage and the printing of 200 promotional T-shirts.

Emma Kennedy, the SGA vice president at the time, refused to launch the site until all the offices listed on the webpage

see PARTY SMART on page 2

ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic  
The crosswalk at the intersection of Main Street and University Heights is host to many dangerous situations, which could result in a \$214 fine and four points on your license.By Natalie DiBlasio  
Cynic Correspondent

Hundreds of students cross Main Street daily with a disregard for safety precautions and unawareness that they could suffer fines and even points on their license.

Failing to abide by state laws not only puts the pedestrian in danger, but also jeopardizes the safety of drivers like Burlington resident Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco.

"I think driving through there, and even walking, I see students that make some risky choices in crossing the street," O'Neill-Vivanco said.

"They are young, they are

quick, nimble, late for class, want to get back to their dorm — I get that, but they are making an assumption that the person driving the car is going to be just as quick with their responses."

UVM Police Officer Mary Polidori said that, by crossing illegally, students are not only at risk for injury, but also for legal consequences.

According to Vermont State statute, "No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for a driver to yield."

Violation of this statute warrants a fine of \$214 and four

points on your license.

Polidori explained a second statute that says when the orange hand is up, even if it is flashing, you are not permitted to cross — resulting in an additional fine of \$214.

The main area of concern at UVM is the crosswalk at University Heights and Main Street, right outside of the Living and Learning Center.

"It is a 25-mile-per-hour area, but people don't always go 25," Polidori said. "We want to keep their safety in the forefront of our [students'] minds."

People have mixed feelings about enforcement of and general awareness surrounding the

penalties.

"Fines only work if they are enforced — it is going to really suck for the people who are made an example of, but students need to understand the gravity of this," O'Neill-Vivanco said. "They are putting other people in a really dangerous situation."

However, students feel that the law is unrealistic for this intersection.

"They need to make the light here longer because there is just not enough time to cross," freshman Gillian Victor said. "They should also stop people from turning left during the time

see JAYWALK on page 2

## Homeowners down with Button Up Vermont

By Lorene Gavish  
Cynic Correspondent

As winter closes in, temperatures drop, resulting in the rise of something else: utility bills.

"Our energy bills have been manageable, but they've definitely gone up in the last few months," junior Gisele Nelson said after watching a presentation by Button-Up Vermont on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The workshop on home energy saving was just one in a series of non-academic "Catamount

Classes" offered by the Office of Student and Community Relations and Student Life Campus Programs.

A total of 28 people came together to hear Keith Levenson, a project manager from the Vermont Energy Efficiency Service, teach them how make the most of energy use in their homes.

The crowd consisted of everyone from longtime home owners to first-time renters, all looking to reduce the impact winter has on their finances, and some looking to reduce their own

impacts upon the environment.

"Our house was built in the 1950s. We already know we have to buy a new furnace, redo the insulation ... weatheriz[e] the house," couple Jillian Prentiss and Patrick Niggel said. They had just closed on their first home the Monday before in Essex.

"We're fully planning on hiring Efficiency Vermont and planning on getting some rebates going on here," they said.

By working with Efficiency Vermont, Prentiss and Niggel will receive technical assistance and financial incentives to make their

home more sustainable.

Unlike most U.S. states, Vermont does not leave it up to the monopolized utility companies to manage the demand for power (helping people to reduce their demand), as well as distribute it.

Through the Vermont Public Service Board, Vermont contracted Efficiency Vermont to be the first state-wide provider of energy efficiency services in the nation.

According to Levenson, Efficiency Vermont has been

see BUTTON UP on page 2





CRAIG GUILD | The Vermont Cynic

Nancy Murphy is hoping her husband Lieutenant Colonel Tim Murphy will be able to come home for the holidays and to see their son Todd's last football game of the season.

## Troops home for the holidays

### VT residents raise money to bring National Guard home

#### Staff Report

Vermont soldiers are getting a ticket home for the holidays, thanks to the help of state residents.

With the holidays on the way, deployment also nears for some 1,500 members of Vermont's National Guard, currently in training Fort Polk, La., for a year-long tour in Afghanistan.

According to the National Guard Charitable Foundation, this deployment of Vermont troops is the largest since WWII.

While troops have a weeklong vacation over the holidays, roughly 700 of them are required to finance their trips home out of pocket — an estimated cost of over \$1,500. As a result, many cannot afford the journey home.

Vermonters have teamed up to try and raise funds to cover transportation fees in order to bring home these 700 soldiers

of Vermont National Guard 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT).

Sponsored by the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation, operation Holiday Homecoming is an effort to reach a goal of \$200,000 to finance the trip home for local Vermont soldiers.

"We've been asking the U.S. Army to give us as much time as possible so that our people and families can be well-prepared," Vermont's Adjutant General Mike Dubie said. "This alert order satisfies that desire."

Goodrow said that one of the best things about Vermonters is that they care about their neighbors — care, in this case, materializing in the form of \$200,000 to support the National Guard.

Major Joseph Roszkowski of UVM ROTC said that the

deployment has had a broad impact due to the number of Vermont National Guard members in relation to the state's small size.

"Vermont has this reputation for being a very liberal state," Roszkowski said. "But if you look at it per capita, Vermont has the most people in the National Guard of any state."

Shumlin said that the men and women of the National Guard are extremely grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of Vermonters.

"I think a lot of this has to do with the membership of the National Guard; when you activate a service member of the National Guard, you activate communities," Goodrow said.

With contributions by Austin Stone & Katherine Renda

## PARTY SMART | Website back on UVM's A-Z

...continued from page 1

approved of the information.

The Women's Center and Health Promotion Services, both listed on the website, wouldn't give their approval, saying the information wasn't worded officially enough to represent the University.

Diana Gonzalez from UVM's Health Promotion Services was among the opposition to CoLA's original Party Smart layout. She said that while "it's a great idea," she didn't feel it was ready to go live.

"My understanding of the SGA's goals are of safety and responsibility," Gonzalez said at the time of the meetings. "I think the website in its current

formation doesn't have the information supporting that goal."

She and others engaged in meetings with CoLA members to come to a compromise about how to best promote safety, without promoting underage drinking.

"It's a touchy subject because you are enabling students to break the law," junior Julia Michel said. "But this is a perfect opportunity for students to talk to other students, because this sort of information can't come from the administration."

Mike Glynn, the current chair of CoLA, says he is considering rehashing Party Smart in the future to make it more aesthetically appealing.

Glynn recently added Party

Smart to the A-Z, making the page "really official," saying there are tentative plans to make promotional Party Smart gift bags with T-shirts, snacks and soft drinks.

There are also plans in the works to add a new dimension to Party Smart that would incorporate a community service aspect to the site for students who get in trouble, Glynn said.

"We want students and the Burlington community to get along," Michel said.

Party Smart isn't meant to encourage underage drinking, Michel said. "It's focused on promoting safety and [SGA] hoped it would have a positive effect on the community."

## BUTTON UP | Class cuts costs

...continued from page 1

able to reduce the cost of energy simply by reducing the demand for it, effectively lowering the cost of energy in total.

"One kilowatt-hour generated through energy efficiency programs like Efficiency Vermont costs about two to three cents. A wholesale kilowatt-hour from New Generation would cost something like six to seven cents," Levenson said.

In college towns like Burlington, first-time student-renters make up a considerable number of the home and apartment dwellers, as well as energy users.

"Over the summer it wasn't hard, things like computers were used way less," junior Laura Davidson, who is living off campus for the first time, said. "Now during the school year, everyone's on their computer. I think they're more apt to get left plugged in and left on."

According to the Community and Economic Development Office of Burlington, "over a quarter of the city's residents are enrolled in college and graduate school and of the 10,163 college/graduate students living in Burlington, around 60 percent (6,103) do not live in dorms."

For students, energy efficiency solutions are different from what they are for community members who own their homes.

In general, there is a lack of home energy conservation education for residents, and therefore a lack of realizing the many opportunities to be sustainable energy consumers.

"Renters don't have an incentive because they don't own the buildings, so why should they pay to improve it for the next tenant," Levenson said.

According to the Efficiency Vermont homepage, Energy Star certified appliances can save you up to \$150 a year on energy

bills, and energy audits and home improvements can reduce your energy consumption by 30 percent.

However, as Levenson continued to explain, "...landlords to a large extent don't have a big incentive either because they're not paying the utility bills for the most part."

An energy-conscious landlord can even make a perspective apartment more attractive to renters.

"Before we moved into the house, our landlord installed a bunch of new energy efficient things. It definitely made us feel better about our apartment choice and who our landlord was," Davidson said.

With programs such as Button Up Vermont increasing education, the shift to smarter, more sustainable home-energy use is becoming a reality for all varieties of home owners and renters.

According to Levenson, teaching students about energy use is a lot like the way the environmental movement works.

By providing first-time renters with this knowledge, they hope to see an informed energy network created.

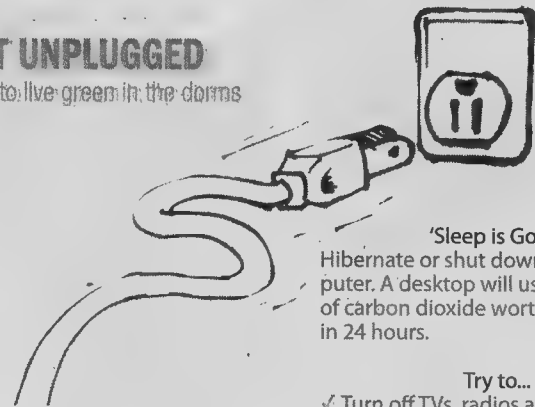
"If you teach the residents to see these opportunities, then they're going to start talking to their landlords and their property managers about them," Levenson said.

"The renter market, especially students, needs an incentive to improve those buildings they're living in, and that's a tough nut to crack," Levenson said. "This is one way that we're starting to crack that nut."

Smiling with their complimentary window sealing kits in hand, the final attendees headed out of Pearl House, watching their breaths turn into vapor clouds in the fall night.

### GET UNPLUGGED

How to live green in the dorms



'Sleep is Good'

Hibernate or shut down your computer. A desktop will use 780 pounds of carbon dioxide worth of electricity in 24 hours.

Try to...

- ✓ Turn off TVs, radios and stereos. Use less hot water by taking shorter showers
- ✓ Coordinate with your suitemates to avoid bringing unneeded refrigerators. If you do bring a refrigerator, set the temperature between 36 and 42 degrees.
- ✓ Wash your clothes on the cold water ("bright colors") setting
- ✓ Dry your clothes on a drying rack or clothesline.

Beware of Phantoms!

"Phantom" devices draw power even when they are not being used, these include anything with an adapter or charger such as cell phone chargers, lap top cords, printers, speakers, pretty much anything other than lights. The best thing to do is keep them on a power strip and just flick the power strip off whenever you're not using it.

## JAYWALK | Crossing fines

...continued from page 1

we can walk, it just makes it even harder."

Other students agreed that the Main Street intersection is an area of high-traffic congestion and brief windows of crossing time.

"You have to run to make it in time," freshman Tess Lippincott said.

Burlington residents, police and students are redoubling efforts in response to pedestrians'

inability to see the possible consequences to their actions.

"I hate driving and having all of these people just sprinting out in front of you," sophomore Maggie Druschel said. "I am really afraid I will hit someone when they just dart across."

Residents say they are concerned students aren't placing safety as their top priority.

"It is just unsafe, and for what?" O'Neill-Vivanco said. "So students can sleep in an extra 3 minutes and then rush to class?"



# Burlington targets college students with noise violations

By Stephanie Cesario  
Staff Writer

If UVM students want to shout in the streets, Burlington wants them to pay.

UVM's Student Government Association (SGA) is attempting to fight the Burlington City Council's passing of a new noise resolution.

The council is attempting to raise fines for first and second noise violation offenses by \$100 each.

SGA Committee on Legislative Action Chair Michael Glynne and Vice President Kate Ash, both seniors, were present at the City Council to provide the student perspective on the financial issue.

"Students are struggling to pay for an expensive education while supporting themselves," Ash said to the council.

Council members voiced the complaints they have been getting from Burlington residents about excessive noise.

"We continue to have noise issues on East Avenue and Colchester Avenue," Councilwoman Sharon Bushor said. "Having a remote area of UVM like Trinity Campus dominated by freshman students is not wise."

Bushor said that residents have filed noise complaints because of students rolling beer kegs down the sidewalks, initially thought to be the sound of skateboards.

"This is a community of a wide range of students, but UVM is typically targeted because of its large size," Ash said.

Glynne refuted the suggestion that noise violations have increased in recent times.

"Burlington Police has stated that cases of noise violation, along with crime and vandalism, have actually been on

the decline within the past few years," Glynne said.

Residents present at the meeting were similarly opposed to the increase in fines.

"If you don't want to deal with college noise, don't buy a house in a section dominated by colleges," UVM alumni and Burlington resident Ellen Cooper said. "UVM was there first, since the 1800s, and it is a great asset to the city."

Some students and residents present felt that the City Council is attempting to keep most people relatively ignorant of new policies and resolutions that affect their finances.

"The parties that have the most to lose, i.e. every resident of Burlington, should be better informed before a resolution like this is passed," Glynne said.

While the Council assures that taxes have not risen, fines like this have increased across the city.

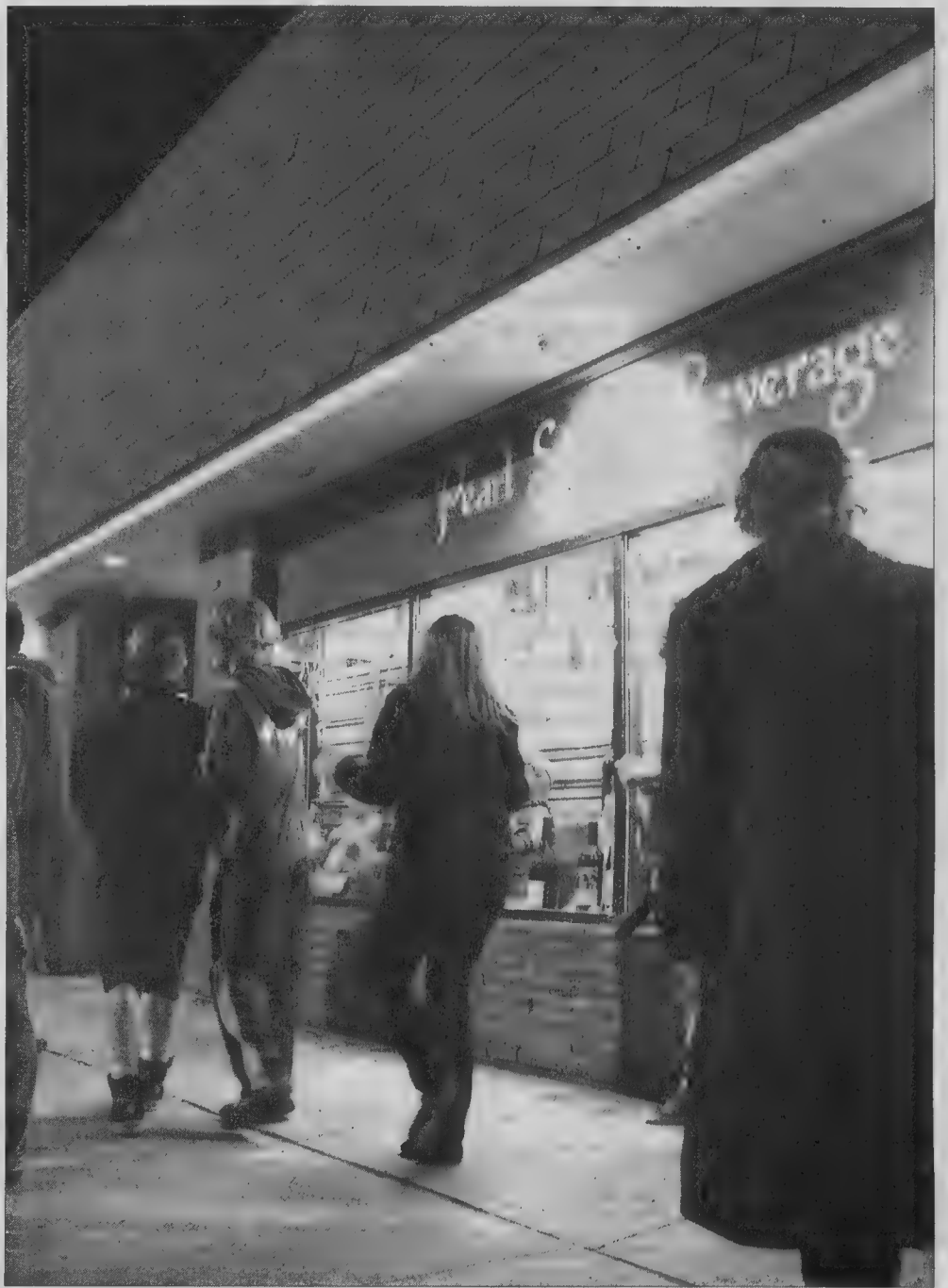
"Fines are necessary, but not during these economic times," Glynne said.

Students are encouraged to speak up and attend City Council meetings if they have issues with this new resolution, specifically if they want to advocate for community service as an alternative to fines.

"More community service hours will be more effective than fines," Glynne said. "It's because you are going to have to take that time to go out and use those hours, which is going to be more [of a] burden on your brain."

Ash stressed the importance of community service in directly giving back to the community and having a positive impact.

The Council has yet to vote on the resolution, but student attendance at the meetings is greatly encouraged.



ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic

A group of students walks to a party past Pearl Street Beverage downtown. Some Burlington residents say student nightlife can be disturbing.

WRUV & THE CYNIC WELCOME...

RYAN  
MONTBLEAU  
BAND



HIGHER GROUND - DECEMBER 3



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Claire Eaton (News), Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Katie Ida, Julia Weichert, Jason Scott, Claire Eaton, Joe Martin, Brendan Buckless, Ally Perleoni, Rachel Bowker, Kruti Kansara, Stephanie Corcoran, Eric Hoke, Bria-Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## PR Manager

Elizabeth Crawford  
ecrawfor@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Partly smart

The Party Smart website is a valuable resource for UVM students.

It provides clear definitions of the UVM alcohol and drug policy and the penalties for violating them — which all students should be familiar with — and has a detailed list of ways to throw a party without it getting out of control.

However, while the current Party Smart website acknowledges that students drink and throw parties, it is not successful in creating an alternative resource about drinking that avoids a patronizing us-against-them tone.

It still reads as though it is an RA speaking down to a group of students, condescendingly listing administration-approved “tips.”

What student would say to a friend, “If you want to have a sexual encounter be sure to ask for and receive consent?”

We need information in terms that students can relate to and apply.

What students would benefit from is an open forum where they can talk amongst themselves about the drinking culture without administrative oversight.

We should be talking about the realities of our drinking: How much are we drinking? How often? What do we consider safe drinking?

Alcohol is a given on all college campuses, including UVM's, and we are not going to be able to keep it under control unless students are honest and open with themselves and each other.

We need older students to teach younger students how to drink responsibly, without the overarching message that getting drunk is simply unacceptable.

Students are far more likely to pay attention to other students when they explain how much better partying with two or three drinks is than going to town with 10 — no matter how many times they complete the AlcoholEdu program.

Although attempting to avoid sounding preachy, the Party Smart site undermines this goal by presenting information from administrative organizations and phrasing it in terminology that students cannot relate to easily.

We're not suggesting that the information isn't worthwhile. Rather, we feel that other, additional sources would be more effective with the student body.

The *Cynic* believes that in addition to the current website, Party Smart should have an additional site or page that is entirely student-run, providing a forum for students to discuss drinking culture, practices and alternatives with peers.

We encourage all students to visit the current Party Smart site and take advantage of its useful information.

We also think that students would benefit from peer-to-peer discussion of drinking at UVM.

This is our campus, our lives and our bodies — let's know how much alcohol we're putting in them.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

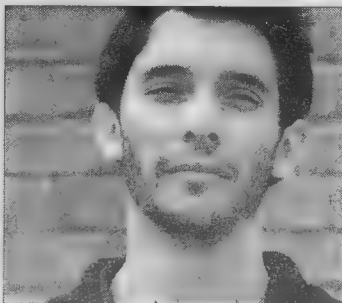
## “HER MOTHER TOLD ME TO TASE HER IF I NEEDED TO”

— Officer Dustin Bradshaw of Arkansas in a police report after he used a stun gun on a 10-year-old girl.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).



## COLUMNISTS



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Cheer up, emo kids

Do you feel that?

That's your heart beating.

And that funny sound you hear every now and then?

That's the air moving in and out of your lungs; you're breathing.

Be thankful, and don't stop — it's what keeps us going.

As we approach another holiday season, we have a lot to be thankful for here at UVM.

However, some of us, myself included, sometimes need a little reminder of what the things we have to be thankful for are.

I hadn't really given much thought recently as to what I was thankful for, until a few days ago when I was sitting in on a high school class.

The teacher beguiled his students when one of them complained about the pains of getting old, by telling them they should be thankful for old age, because not everyone gets to become old.

Although I had been spoon fed that phrase for who knows how long, I couldn't help but think of how true it is and wonder how many people are truly thankful for what they have

Sure, many may say “thankfully I don't have a test today” or “thankfully I have enough meal points to last the rest of the semester,” but do they appreciate the real advantages?

There are also those people, like myself, who are just happy they got up in the morning.

It's sometimes hard to see the good in a world full of hate and fear — and sometimes near impossible to be thankful that you live in such a world.

But you know what? I'm thankful everyday.

Every day the sun rises is another day to change the world, another day to reflect on the few or many things you have and give thanks for having them.

So what else do we have to be thankful for around here at UVM?

Well, other than being alive — we're all here.

A lot of people don't get the chance to go to college, and we attend a good one at that.

There are those who are even lucky enough to be here on their parents' buck, and that's a sweet deal!

I may be a biased local Vermonter, but we live in one of the best states in the country: maple syrup, Ben and Jerry's, great mountains, a killer downtown scene, the lake, huge state parks — do I have to go on?

The First Amendment, toilet paper, coffee, great music, good books, awesome helping friends, a loving family, the moon, the stars, the sky.

I mean, there's really so much to be thankful for that I think we sometimes forget that many people would be thankful for just one of the things we take for granted every day.

But the holidays aren't the only time when you should think about the things you are thankful for, because there is so much out there we take for granted.

So cheer up.

Be thankful for today, and don't forget to breathe.

Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for *The Cynic* since spring 2008.

## CORRECTION

The Vermont Business for Social Responsibility piece published in Issue 12 on Nov. 17 was written by Elizabeth Bruner, and not, as printed, by Henry Bond.

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482



# POINT COUNTERPOINT

A felony for a diploma

A class of crooks

## Inmates in the classroom: Should convicts be awarded a college education?



MAX KRIEGER

When a person commits a crime that is punished with a long-term prison sentence, they have given up their rights as a citizen.

They can no longer vote and they cannot interact with society.

Why, should they be given a college education?

Bard College is giving inmates an education that tens of thousands of students apply for every year and are denied from.

This leaves me thinking that I should have committed a felony instead of taking AP courses.

Inmates at the Eastern Correctional Facility in New York have the pleasure of studying liberal arts such as philosophy, literature and several languages for free.

This maximum security prison holds inmates

that have committed horribly violent crimes such as rape, murder, assault and robbery.

If I were to attend Bard College, I would have to pay a whopping \$47,730 a year.

Although only about 10 inmates at a time can attend the college, they are given hundreds of thousands of dollars to run the program.

Moreover, the prisoners' upkeep costs millions of dollars a year in state funds, which takes away money used to fund the education of non-convicts.

In general, education for inmates is not always a waste.

Vocational education in practical skills such as welding or woodworking can help inmates find jobs after they are released.

The liberal arts, on the other hand, while important, cannot help them in a practical situation.

Leon Botstein, the president of Bard College, feels that this education is a "psychological lifesaver to the inmates."

Besides the fact that he is only providing this

service to 10 inmates at a time — which probably won't have a large impact on society — it's important to consider if we should be providing this service at all.

Those who are detained in maximum security prisons usually deserve to be there and are being punished.

Rewarding the inmates with a free education completely defeats the example that prison is supposed to set for those on the outside.

Prison is supposed to be a deterrent for crime.

If it becomes a place to receive a free meal and a free college education, it won't scare anyone.

All that will come from this action will be a misguided trail of money going down the drain.

Ultimately, this action by Bard may have its heart in the right place, but its head is nowhere to be found.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



KATELYN MOHEN

Crime and punishment is a fundamental aspect of the American legal system.

Is it justifiable, then, that killers, drug dealers and other imprisoned outlaws get the chance to get an education behind bars? Absolutely.

Until the 1970s, it was standard practice for prisoners to receive a serious education in jail.

Currently, this is not the case due to a faded ideal toward rehabilitation and prison budget constraints.

A number of colleges and universities that do provide educational opportunities for inmates in America's prisons include Boston University, Bard College and Georgetown University.

Additionally, Wes-

leyan University recently began a Prison Education Program, offering inmate applicants the chance at 19 selective spots to gain an education at the college level and eventually attain a degree.

Unlike most other institutions involved in prison education, Wesleyan's program takes a more rigorous approach that speaks lengths about its legitimacy.

For criminals bestowed with such a chance at improving their lives in jail, the conviction to take part in such a program certainly exists.

Why not allow them a greater chance at an inspired life of greater meaning?

The opportunity for an education is crucial for jailbirds to engage their unused curiosity, take part in meaningful discussion and stir up intellectual interest.

In turn, this creates a group of more valuable members of society once they are freed.

Moreover, a well-earned college degree would allow those who

survive their prison term to apply for a job once released from jail, a chance that would entirely change the life of a prisoner and open the door for a new life of success.

Apart from the individual improvement an education offers inmates, it would be an example to society and its wrongdoers of the choice prisoners are making in jail to transform themselves by earning an education.

Research shows that educated criminals would lessen the trend of re-offense that uneducated inmates pose once released.

An education in prison is an important chance that would allow an ex-con an inspired new life path, as an alternative to re-entering the world as someone who knows little else than the stealing and violence that landed them in jail in the first place.

*Katelyn Mohen is a freshman English major. She has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### GOP split hands N.Y. 23rd to democrats

Dear Editor,

Since 2006, the Republican Party hasn't had much to cheer about: embarrassing losses in the last two Congressional elections and an electoral blowout in the 2008 presidential race, coupled with the losses of Arlen Specter (defection) and Norm Coleman (ousted by former SNL writer).

Despite the reassurance of winning gubernatorial elections in Virginia and New Jersey on Nov. 4, the rift in the GOP was for the nation's eyes to see in New York's 23rd Congressional District special election, as the GOP handed away yet another election to the democrats.

Several prominent republicans — including Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty and currently unemployed former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin — rebuked their own party's nominee by endorsing Conservative candidate Doug Hoffman.

As a candidate, Obama won the New York 23rd in 2008 with the support of moderates — republicans have an enrollment advantage in the district, located just across the lake from Burlington.

The conservative wing of the GOP failed to see this trend.

The moderates, torn between a staunch conservative and a moderate liberal, chose the latter.

Former Republican candidate Dede Scozzafava, rather than endorsing her party's "new" candidate, gave the GOP the proverbial middle finger by endorsing democrat Bill Owens, aiding his four-point victory over Hoffman.

While delivering yet another blow to the GOP's hopes of retaking Congress — this is the second special election they've lost this year in New York alone — the loss in the N.Y. 23rd represents a much deeper problem.

Only one in five Americans are registered republicans. As a matter of fact, the fastest growing constituency in the nation is that of independents.

The conservative base of the party continues to move toward the right, further from the ideological center of America.

To win back control of Congress and the White House, the GOP has to appeal to the moderates it so clearly neglected in the N.Y. 23rd.

As Senator Jim Demint (R-S.C.) put it plainly, "[republicans] can't build a center-right coalition without the center part."

At best, republicans will get their act together and rally in the 2010 midterms. At worst, we could be looking at a permanent split of the Grand Old Party into the center-right and uber-conservative.

Today's republicans look

much like the lost democrats during the Bush era.

There is good news, though — the only way to go is up.

Sincerely,  
Zach Despart  
Class of 2012

#### VSTEP, evil cartel

Dear Editor,

I'm going to have to go ahead and agree with Mr. Jowett on this one.

VSTEP's efforts to ban bottled water from campus are a waste of time and a misallocation of good intentions.

Can you imagine that, in a country fighting two wars, with 50 million uninsured, a perpetually increasing gap in wealth between the haves and have-nots, a grave energy crisis on the horizon and an indifferent citizenry, people are actually spending their time trying to ban bottled water from campus?

Get real. VSTEP activists argue that public water is more rigorously tested. It's cleaner and safer, they say — better for you.

Bottled water is filled with dangerous bacteria and scary carcinogens. Baloney.

Bottled water is safe, convenient, delicious and allows consumers peace of mind.

Ask Erin Brockovich if she drinks bottled or tap.

But there's so much waste! There's just soooo much waste. Well, yeah, that's true.

It's also true that almost every food product we buy comes in packaging destined for the landfills.

Even the many tons of tofu and hummus that VSTEP members eat annually are probably wrapped in plastic.

Why wouldn't they try to ban fattening potato chips, or tooth-rotting candy or any other foodstuff whose packaging contributes to the filling of land?

Why not try to ban the consumption of meat on campus, the production of which causes far more devastation than 10 or even 20 bottles of water for every man, woman and child?

Why ban water? It simply doesn't make any sense.

Or does it?

I've come up with a theory.

VSTEP is a cruel and twisted cartel of capitalist schemers hoping to rid the campus of bottled water under the guise of environmental friendliness, but with the true aim of monopolizing consumption of water through sales of their ecologically sound and economically logical VSTEP water bottles — for a "donation" of only one measly dollar.

Via the injection of their

propaganda into the campus media, they're hoping to stir the public into an alarmed frenzy until the only apparent option for the student body is the forceful prohibition of all bottled water on campus.

Once this first phase is complete, everyone will have to buy a refillable bottle, at which point VSTEP will up their recruitment efforts, have bottle stands at every corner and posters in every classroom, reminding students the dangers posed by bottled water and naturally, the cure, which is faith in VSTEP.

Profits will skyrocket.

When the timing is right and the market is in their hands, they will artificially lower the supply of bottles and a massive panic will ensue resulting in campuswide political instability.

Next will come the dissolution of the current UVM administration, the installation of a VSTEP-controlled plutocracy and the end of beverage freedom at UVM.

Is that what you want? Is it?

Fight back against evil.

Buy a bottle of water today.

No, but seriously, you all

want to ban bottled water?

That's absolutely ridiculous.

Sincerely,  
Joe Collier  
Class of 2008



11.31-12.06

tues

UNIVERSITY  
CATAMOUNT  
SINGERS  
PERFORMANCE

Noon

Lutheran Church of St.  
John, 110 Elm St.

Wed

WGBH

8:00pm

RENT-A-TOY

FALL 2009 U.S. GOLF

CHAMPIONSHIP

10:00pm

U.S. Golf Channel

thurs

THE MARIJUANA

DECRIMINALIZATION

DISCUSSION BY

DAVID MCELWEE

11 a.m.

Brennan's Pub &amp; Bistro

PANEL ON  
DECRIMINALIZATION  
OF MARIJUANA

5:00pm

Sugar Maple & Summit  
Room

sat

"A LOOK AT OUR  
ENERGY FUTURE,"  
DISCUSSION BY  
DAVID MCELWEE

10:00pm

Faith United Methodist  
Church

GUSTER

9 p.m.

Higher Ground  
Ballroom

sun

"MY THREE ANGELS"

2 p.m.

Hyde Park Opera House

THE TOYS TAKE  
OVER CHRISTMAS"

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.

Royal Tyler Theatre

mon

CHAMBER MUSIC  
CONCERT

7:00pm

Southwick Recital Hall

# All you need is a good book

## Henderson's Cafe manager brings new life to book selection

By Jess Sanders  
Senior Staff Writer

Tucked away in her office, hidden by the book stacks, is Sherry Preston, manager of Henderson's Cafe and trade books section on the Bookstore.

Here, Preston does more than simply manage Henderson's Cafe — she is in the process of revitalizing the book selection to better fit the student demographic.

"I'm trying to clean out old books and start ordering new books that the students are more interested in," Preston said.

"The prices are always as low as they can go when they come in. If the book is priced at \$12.95, that's what we sell it at."

Her dedication to the store and school can't be seen only by the UVM fleece she wears, but also in the work she does for the students.

"Her number one thing [is] customer service, to go the extra mile for the customer — if we don't have it, to find out where we could get it," Jean Willard, art supply buyer for the UVM Bookstore and long-time associate of Preston, said.

After spending 25 years working in the UVM bookstore supply department, Preston wanted to broaden her experience in way that would allow her to have more creative liberty with the books she was purchasing.

"This job opening came up and I decided I would like a change," she said.

With the skills she gained in the supply department, she can take advantage of her new position and do whatever it takes to access books that are not available for purchase on campus.

Preston's seven-year co-worker Kelly Darling said that Preston is an incredibly talented buyer and someone who will always be around to lend a hand.

"She does have a lot of experience working in the store for so long and [she] knows the faculty, staff and students," Cafe supervisor Gordon Sandler said.

Preston has even developed good working relationships with



Books stacked high in Henderson's Cafe can be attributed to its manager, Sherry Preston. Preston made it her mission to increase the selection of books in the cafe.

her fellow staff, even staff she no longer works with directly.

"If I wanted to bring in a new product, [she] and I would sit down and discuss it. I miss that," Willard said.

Preston found her way into the hearts of students with the cold weather fast approaching.

"Feel free to have me order books whenever," Preston said. "They don't take that long to get here — I'd just as soon have [students] get it here than walk someplace else to get it when cold weather is coming."

Many students appreciate the effort.

"I don't want to walk down to Borders, it's freezing," sophomore Megan Wood said.

"She's going to transform the area, I think," Darling said. "It's going to be profitable and something the customers will really like."

### THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA & CINDY AMOAKO

### In those jeans

If we haven't made it obvious by now, the Style Files loves variety in fashion, so we're dedicating this week's column to the most versatile, ever-evolving

item of clothing: jeans.

If clothes were food, jeans would definitely be a staple of the collective diet.

From their humble beginnings in coal mines to their debut on runways today, jeans have had a long history.

Levi Strauss, the inventor of the indigo-dyed pants, sold them to miners during the Gold Rush, leading to the appearance of jeans in many old Western movies from the 20th century.

But it wasn't until the 1950s and '60s that jeans

became a fashion statement of unconventionality — whether it be a Fonzie-esque rebel or a hippie protesting the war.

From the bell-bottoms of our parents' days, to the high-waisted, elastic, acid-wash pants of the '80s and the skin-tight skinny jeans of the contemporary era, jeans have been worn and torn too many ways to count.

The latest trend we're obsessing over is "jeggings" — leggings that look like jeans.

You'll have people wondering if those skinny jeans really are

that skinny!

Whether lounging around or going out on the town, jeans are highly versatile.

The same pair of jeans can be used for many different occasions — it just depends on the accessories you choose.

Just use discretion when deciding on a pair to wear.

Here's a good rule of thumb: the darker the wash, the fancier the pant.

So don't hide out in those raggedy, busted jeans — dare to do more with denim.





**ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN** | The Vermont Cynic  
UVM professor Kelly Rohan discusses the safety of SAD lights.

## Not SAD anymore

### Cognitive therapy could be a new solution to those bleak Vermont winter days

By Megan Fitzgerald  
Cynic Correspondent

As the Vermont days get shorter and shorter, those with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) can start to feel the effects, but hope is on the way.

Though the campus already features SAD lights, the University of Vermont is performing an ongoing research initiative to determine the most effective way to treat SAD.

UVM professor Kelly Rohan is at the heart of the experiment and has been featured in several publications, including the online magazine *Science Daily*.

In the past, SAD has primarily been treated by light therapy, using lights similar to those present in the Davis Center, Rohan said.

"CBT [Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy] could represent a more effective, practical and palatable approach to long-term SAD management than light therapy," Rohan's publication on behavioral therapy stated.

"Cognitive therapy solves it more proactively and has prevention benefits," she said.

CBT aims to identify people's challenges and frame them into rational thoughts, which is usually done through counseling, Rohan said.

Yet this research has faced some difficulties, necessitating new research plans including one nine-year-long trial.

"One of the biggest challenges has been going up against people who believe that light therapy is the only option for treatment of SAD," graduate

student and trial coordinator Yael Nillni said.

Senior psychology major Samantha Heller said that the artificial light used in light therapy mimics outdoor light, providing effects like those of the sun.

Junior Lisa White found herself in need of relief from the winter gloom and said that she has weeks in the winter when she feels unhappy — probably so do a lot of people.

She even sat under the Davis Center lights to help, she said.

Some students are a bit more skeptical of the lights.

"I'm concerned about the lights in the Davis Center," junior Tom Finan said.

Finan said that he worries about people using them incorrectly.

Although light therapy can be effective, 59 percent of patients did not continue the treatment due to issues of long-term compliance, Rohan said.

Rohan and multiple graduate students, including Nillni, are running the trial to determine whether or not this is true.

In the experiment, they have groups participating in cognitive therapy, light therapy and cognitive and light therapy together, Rohan said.

Those included in the research vary in age and some take anti-depression medication, Rohan said.

The hope is that this research will help conclude which treatment is best for treating and preventing future episodes of SAD, Nillni said.

#### THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

### Distracted driving: unsafe at any speed

Distractions are around us no matter what we're doing.

Homework on the computer is often punctuated by peeks at Facebook.

In class, you're either distracted by the babe sitting a few rows up or the newspaper you're reading right now.

If it's the second one, put this rag down and listen to your professor — they're a lot smarter than me.

There's one place where we spend a lot of time and where distractions could kill us — behind the wheel of a car.

There are lots of things vying for our attention while we're driving: flashing lights, cute puppies going on walks, cute girls taking cute puppies on walks, cars as awesome as yours and the lovely Vermont scenery.

In the advent of improved mobile technology, namely iPods, GPS computers and cell phones, distracted driving has increased significantly.

When you get a text, it's almost impossible to resist examining it, even if you're coming up to a stoplight on a hill in a manual car.

But taking your eyes off the road — and hands off the controls — can result in serious consequences.

Some studies have even deemed texting while driving to be as dangerous as drunk driving — you've already gotten the speech about that one.

But the more we can get out of the habit, the better.

Mobile phone use is restricted in many states and several other countries. Where it's not illegal, drivers should still use good judgment and exercise caution.

Our comfort with cars sometimes makes us forget how dangerous they can be.

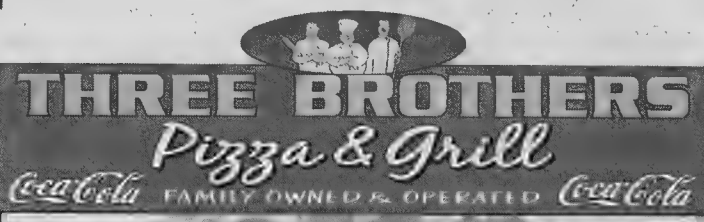
Have you ever seen a car after a crash at 30 mph?

That's definitely fast enough to render some cars unusable, and some airbags are designed to deploy at just 15 mph.

If a car can sustain enough damage at 15 mph to warrant ejecting airbags, imagine what that could do to an old lady pushing a shopping cart full of cat food and vodka across the street.

I won't order you to maintain a white-knuckle grip at 10 and two every second you're behind the wheel.

I'm only advising that you use good judgment and keep things in perspective when you're controlling that very fast and very powerful machine.



**THREE BROTHERS**  
*Pizza & Grill*  
Coca-Cola FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED Coca-Cola

**Show your College ID to get 20% OFF Your Entire Order**

Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

**Now accepting CAT Scratch**

**Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt coke product and dozen wings**

**\$24.99**

Not to be combined with any other offer

**www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com**  
973 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Colchester, VT  
802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075  
Open Seven Days a Week:  
Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri- Sat 11a-10pm

## Campus REHABGYM





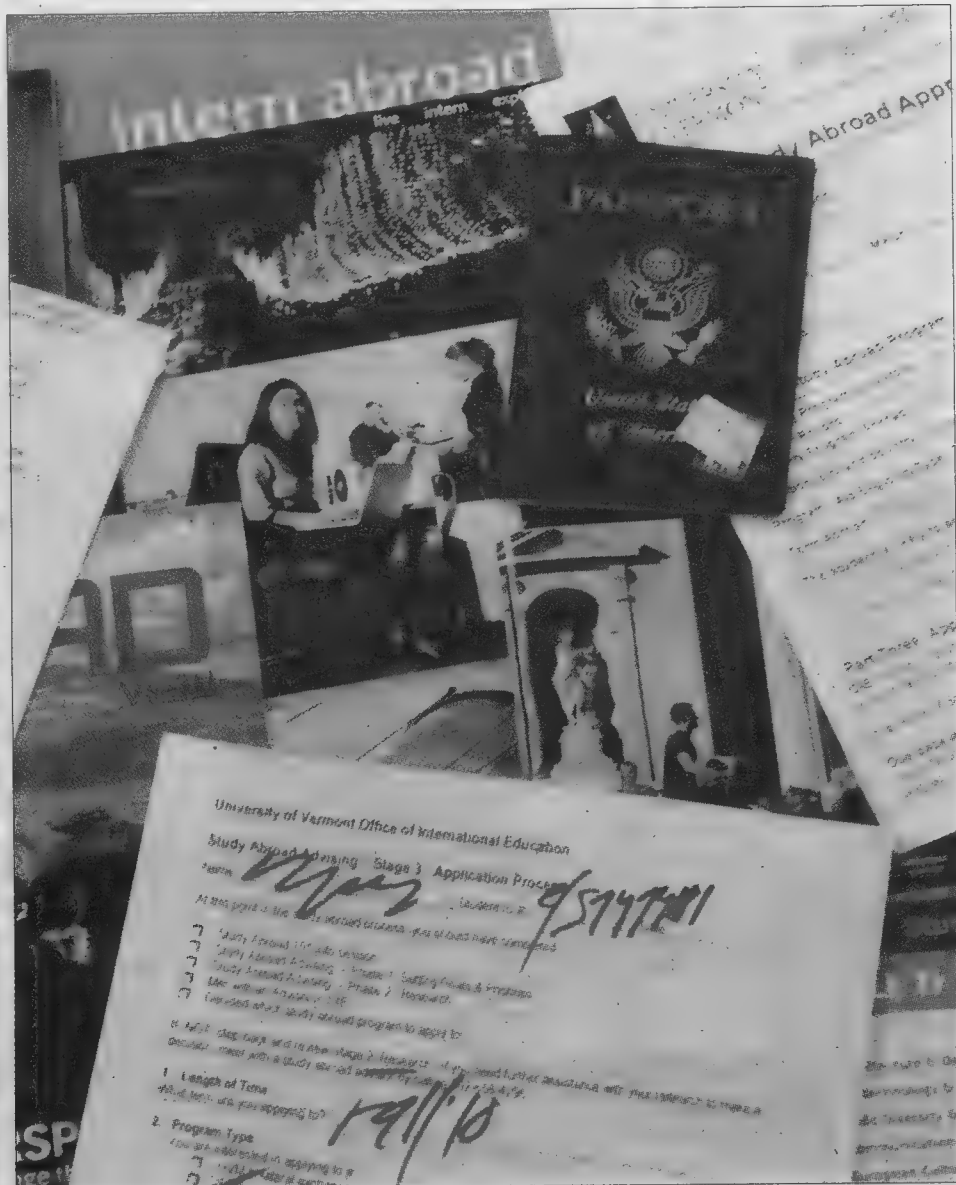
### New Burlington Location!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

Maria Thibault, PT, ATC, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.





**By Jess Sanders**  
Senior Staff Writer

There are many things students worry about when considering going to school abroad: learning a new language, figuring out a different culture, missing friends and family.

However, getting there is half the battle.

Even for senior Karen Fries, who studied abroad in Australia, the main deterrent was the tedious and daunting independent researching.

"If I hadn't been so keen on going abroad, I could have easily quit the process," Fries said.

Fries said that completing the process was lonesome and long, without much aid or guidance.

"I was responsible for taking charge and figuring out the steps needed to apply to a program," she said.

However, for the study abroad office, instilling a sense of independence is important to prepare the student for the study abroad experience, Director of International Education Kim Howard said.

There is even a brief online overview of the process, called "Study Abroad 101," which is intended to inform students of their necessary responsibilities.

"Is it a little bit of a tedious thing, yes, because there's a quiz as you go through, but the goal is that we want students to have

thought about who's responsible for what pieces of the process," Howard said.

Howard said that the first few steps are used to put the student in the correct mind frame and to give the right information in order to guide them through the rest of the process or help them decide that it isn't for them after all.

The student needs to be thinking about money,

process are put in place to be a reminder of the critical factors that must be considered.

"There are a lot of steps, but I think if students thought more about it, it is a process similar to applying to college," Howard said.

Despite the good intentions of the

traveling and living in another country.

"I think the process is a good thing ... It helps students make sure they are picking where they

UVM.

Even Fries noted that once she had gotten past the initial steps, the process wasn't entirely painful.

"Once I was accepted to my desired school, UVM did a nice job of setting up meetings with other students who had

studied in a similar area and helped assist with forms, packing tips, etc.," Fries said.

In addition to helping fill out forms, the peer advisors are there to help guide students as only someone who

has been abroad can.

"It's easier to work than most people think," peer advisor senior Jimmy Venning said.

"You can get a lot of credit other than cultural, anthropology or language credits."

Despite the daunting nature of preparing to live in another country, Howard strongly suggests that everyone go abroad.

"Study abroad will challenge your sense of self and stretch you a little bit," Howard said.

"The process isn't designed to be harder, but it's just a tough thing to figure out what you want to do if you're not clear about your goals."

# FLIGHT DELAYED

## The Red Tape of Study Abroad

about transfer of credits, about getting a visa and about getting a passport, Howard said.

"Sometimes it feels like over a cup of coffee this morning they said, you know, I want to study abroad," Howard said. "They haven't necessarily thought about why or what their goals and objectives are."

Howard said that she has found some students are frustrated and expect the study abroad advisors to tell them what to do.

However, the seemingly bureaucratic steps to the

Office of International Education (OIE), Fries wishes that it were more helpful in this process.

"It is obviously a big process to leave the country and study at another school, and I think the study abroad office may have more work to do," she said.

However, Christine Dimauro, a peer advisor for study abroad, said that the large amount of preparation helps solidify the commitment to

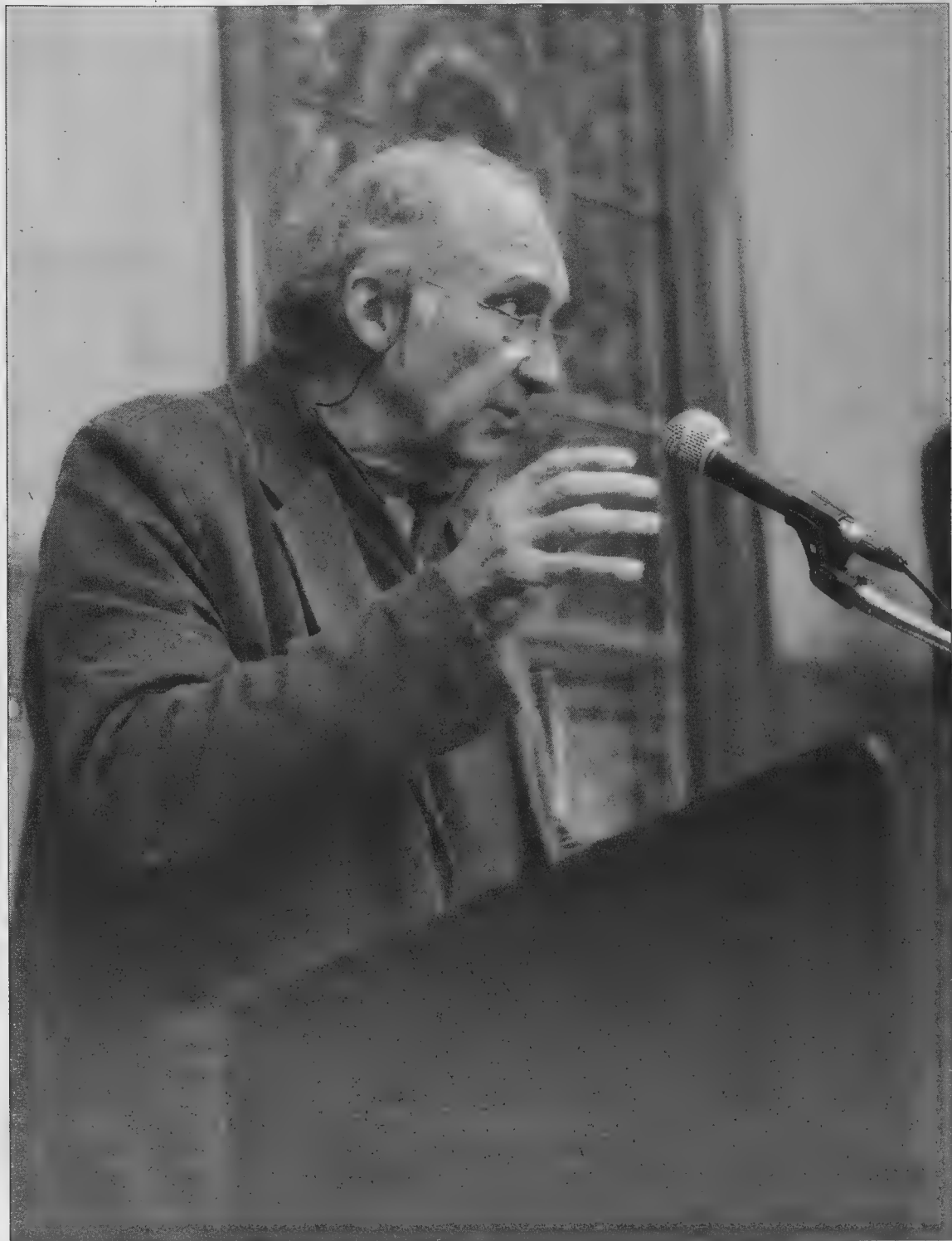
want to go," Dimauro said. "It's more on them as an individual rather than us telling them where to go."

For some students, the OIE offers sufficient guidance in the process and, overall, they have had a good experience with study abroad.

"I was able to get advising sessions with a few of the staff as many times as I needed and the forms were not too awful either," senior Chris Paganelli said.

Paganelli studied abroad in Italy, but said that he ended up using a program outside of





ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

Canadian poet Randall Maggs reads from his new book to students, staff and faculty in the John Dewey Lounge last week. Maggs's new book touches on the life of former goalie Terry Sawchuk.

## Canadian poets offer campus unique views

### Poetry reading reveals insight into mundane

By Katie Ida  
Asst. Features Editor

From locker room rivalry to marijuana and tacos, a poetry reading on Nov. 12 proved that the topics of poetry include anything and everything.

The Canadian Studies Program and the Canada Council for the Arts sponsored Canadian poets Randall Maggs and Greg Williamson to read from their works and provide insight to current undergrads.

Randall Maggs read poems about hockey from his latest compilation "Night Work: The Sawchuk Poems" — something that he feels is better expressed through poetry than through fiction.

Although poetry about a sport that consists of sweaty gear, fights on the ice and missing teeth might seem strange, Maggs paints an image with his poetry that puts the reader on the ice, in the goal next to NHL legend Terry Sawchuk. Maggs captures the essence

of his characters, comparing the game now to the game when Sawchuk guarded the goal. "Goalies ... jeez ... what do they look like? Guys from the bomb squad," Maggs said.

The rawness of the words in his poetry and his prose captured a startling reality. Maggs's poems are conversational and rife with intense imagery of sportsmanship and Canadian culture.

Maggs's poems were constructed from numerous interviews with hockey players, allowing Maggs to present the game from both on the ice and in the stands.

Poet Greg Williamson also captured a unique perspective and elicited laughs with his witty sonnets and quick remarks. His poems in traditional form conveyed surprising depth underneath a clever surface.

Williamson read two series of poems from his book "Error in the Script," which is set up like an encyclopedia. One series began with a short poem entitled "man," followed by "woman," followed, lastly, by "baby," the other series followed a less serious note, including poems entitled "marijuana," "taco" and "beer."

"Until you take your last exhale, a spectacular case of the

munchies," Williamson read as the audience giggled.

Williamson's otherwise hesitant tone became strong and followed a subtle cadence as he recited his poems. His reading makes the reader feel joyful like having a conversation with a playful seven-year-old who makes up stories.

In "The Yard of Constant Sorrow," Williamson composes a childlike narrative that describes his battle with his untamable lawn. His characters range from foraging ants to two-headed snakes, adding piece by piece to the story.

**The rawness of the words in his poetry and his prose captured a startling reality.**

While the poetry and prose read by both poets were far from the norm, it presented a unique view of different cultures — whether it was the perspective from inside of a face mask or from a man attacked by his unruly lawn.

## You can take the laughter with you

"You Can't Take It With You" gives viewers insightful entertainment

By Julia Weichert  
Asst. Arts Editor

There are pyrotechnics in the basement and there's a fiery Russian in the living room.

This isn't some Cold War-era nightmare — it's the premise of "You Can't Take It With You," the latest production by the UVM Theatre Department.

The play is a comedy about quirkiness taken to the extreme. Following their bliss to the point of absurdity, the Sycamore family is quite the cast of characters.

From Penny, who writes plays with no direction, to her daughter Essie whose passion for dancing is without talent, the members of the family seem flighty and silly at first, but they begin to seem less foolish as the play progresses.

When Penny and Paul's daughter Alice agrees to marry Tony Kirby, the son of a Wall Street executive, things get especially hectic.

The onstage presence of characters, who don't share the Sycamores' unique zest for life, highlights the strangeness of the Sycamore lifestyle.

When the Kirbys come for dinner, chaos ensues. It culminates in the end of the second act when Paul Sycamore's pyrotechnics are accidentally set off, and sparks fly.

The cast of "You Can't Take It With You" infuses liveliness into the characters in a play that relies so much on personality.

Sophomore Alex Koch portrays Paul Sycamore as a loving father figure, who makes the affection of the family

believable without surrendering the humor that he makes fireworks in his house. Koch completes the character with a guffaw that elicited many laughs from the audience.

Paul's daughter, Alice, played by senior Kathy Brian, oscillates convincingly between loving the family and being fed up with it. She is the only family member who is unsure about how to feel about their eccentricity.

In contrast to the boisterousness of most of the characters, sophomore Stephen Kent's dry humor makes Mr. Kirby especially hilarious as he is subjected to the whims of the Sycamore household.

Ultimately, "You Can't Take It With You" is a play with an ensemble cast, and this is pulled off well, with many strong performances and no one actor outshining another in a way that hurts the family dynamic.

Once the play makes the Sycamores appear sufficiently lovable, even though they lead undeniably ridiculous lives, it turns things around and shows that living any other way is actually ridiculous.

In the end, the play points out that the characters are simply doing what makes them happy. Furthermore, it depicts how rarely most people do things for that reason.

Mixing flamboyant characters that provide both physical and verbal humor with a final act that ends the play on a sentimental note, "You Can't Take It With You" is a comedy that not only makes you laugh, but also makes you think.



Photo courtesy of UVM Department of Theatre

*nightier than the sword*

your pen, your voice, write for the vermont cynic

Never underestimate the power of the written word



No Good Reason By R. Valenti



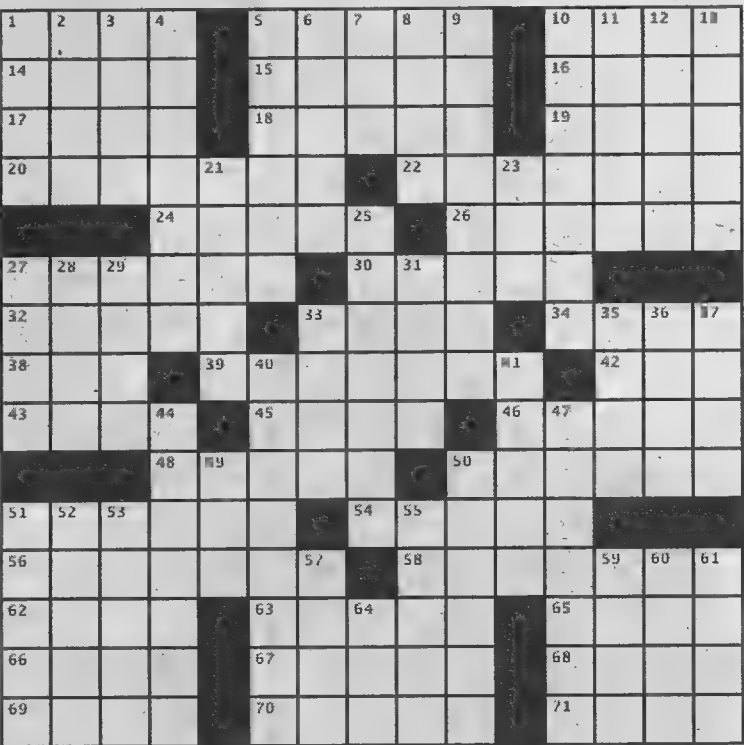
Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



"Noise" by DJ Cohen



Crossword brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



ACROSS

- 1- Get better
- 5- Having jaws
- 10- Small child
- 14- Writer Sarah Jewett
- 15- Aggregate of qualities that make good character
- 16- Orsk's river
- 17- Norwegian king
- 18- Costume
- 19- Knee
- 20- Cleanse
- 22- Erin
- 24- Staggers
- 26- Actually existing
- 27- Watched
- 30- Young eel
- 32- Fine fiddle
- 33- Corner
- 34- Ayatollah's predecessor
- 38- Coal container
- 39- Party game
- 42- Land in la mer
- 43- Aleutian island
- 45- "\_\_\_\_ Brockovich"
- 46- So far
- 48- Pang
- 50- Deliver a sermon
- 51- Rhododendron kin
- 54- "Our Gang" girl

DOWN

- 56- Folium
- 58- One who lays down a base line?
- 62- Horne solo
- 63- Rot
- 65- Golfer Aoki
- 66- Fail to hit
- 67- Angry
- 68- Force
- 69- Kiln for drying hops
- 70- Crouch in fear
- 71- "\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- 25- Pressed together
- 27- Ali \_\_\_\_ & the 40 thieves
- 28- Expel gas or odor
- 29- Williams of country music
- 31- Incline
- 33- Edible corn
- 35- Informal greeting
- 36- Novelist Waugh
- 37- 8th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40- Pertaining to coats of arms
- 41- Viscounts' superiors
- 44- In any case
- 47- Shore
- 49- Norse goddess
- 50- Entreaty
- 51- Budget alternative
- 52- Nigerian city
- 53- Not quite right
- 55- Become less, intense, die off
- 57- Dynamic beginning
- 59- Egyptian goddess of fertility
- 60- Lacking
- 61- Carry
- 64- Cornfield sound



Mac Sales and Service  
APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc.  
Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more. Service of PC's as well.  
Baha Computer Works, 200 Main St, Burlington.  
bahacomputerworks.com  
-baha@madriver.com  
802.279.8756, 802.657.3933



# Sports shorts

By Nikki Galle  
Cynic Correspondent

## Men's basketball defeats Buffalo in final seconds

The men's basketball team took the court last Sunday to face off against the Buffalo Bulls.

The Bulls took the lead three minutes into the game. Vermont was able to regain their lead with nine minutes remaining in the game.

With the game tied at 57 and nine seconds left, senior Marqus Blakely was fouled under the hoop.

Blakey, known for his woes at the stripe, missed the first free throw but sank the second to give Vermont the lead.

The Bulls tried to come back but a big steal by senior Nick Vier sealed the win for the Cats. They are now 1-1 on the season.

## Women's basketball excels at Sheraton Raleigh Wolfpack Invitational

The women's basketball team traveled to North Carolina State to open their season with the Sheraton Raleigh Wolfpack Invitational.

Vermont was able to hold the lead for most of the game until a big comeback in the final minutes by N.C. State.

With less than a minute left and the game tied at 47, senior Courtney Pilypaitis was able to sink a layup and give the Catamounts a 49-47 lead.

Pilypaitis and senior May Kotsopoulos tallied a combined 36 points in the game.

Kotsopoulos was also named the MVP of the tournament. The Catamounts defeated the Wolfpack with a final score of 52-47.

## Morgan Powers named to America East Cross-Country All Academic Team

Sophomore Morgan Powers, a runner on the women's cross country team, was recently named to the America East Cross-Country All-Academic Team.

She was only one of 10 students who received the recognition of being named to the team.

Powers is a nutrition and food sciences major at UVM and has a 3.96 GPA. Running in seven races this season, Powers was among the top three runners for the Catamounts in every race.

She finished ninth overall, with a score of 18:56.60 and received America East All-Conference honors.



# Competitive climbing taken to new heights

SCOTT PELLER | The Vermont Cynic

Junior Peter Tylistczak takes advantage of the climbing wall at Gutterson as a member of the UVM climbing club. The team is a group of climbing enthusiasts who train together while also traveling around New England to compete in various events and challenges.

## Climbing club retains its social atmosphere while increasing competition between UVMers and students from other universities

By Jack Stratton-Spina  
Cynic Correspondent

Legendary mountaineer George Mallory once responded to the question of why to climb Everest by simply saying: "because it's there" — well, so is the Gutterson climbing wall and along with it, the UVM climbing team.

They are open to anyone, no matter your experience level. The club focuses not only on the challenge of the climbs themselves, but also the exercise, the community and especially the enjoyment that encompasses the sport.

The team is relatively new, and was brought back to UVM three and a half years ago after it had died out during the '90s.

Senior Isaac Grosfely-Katz and recent graduate Maureen Whalley created the club as a means to get out, be active and have some fun.

The two current coaches, Grosfely-Katz and junior Evan Caha, are frequently trying to recruit new members and help develop their climbing skills.

"It's really about getting together, having fun and climbing," Caha said.

According to both coaches, there is no required practice and attending competitions is not mandatory since the goal of the club is to create a good-natured climbing community and provide the opportunity to get better while meeting

new people who share a similar interest.

The positive physical benefits climbers get through the sport are only added perks.

"It's a good way to get in touch with climbers at school," freshman Eleanor Krause said. "There's a lot of them."

With the creation of Collegiate Climbing Series (CCS) last year, the team has a bright future.

The positive physical benefits climbers get through the sport are only added perks.

The organization is making a push to increase the numbers of climbers nationwide, as well as to develop a national collegiate season with six regions, five competitions per region and nationals, which will take place this year in Texas.

During the competitions, UVM regularly sees opposition from schools all over the upper Northeast, including Jackson State, Castleton College, UNH, Dartmouth and Middlebury.

Ultimately, the CCS hopes to gain the status

of a sanctioned NCAA sport and eventually, even that of the Olympics, their website stated.

The second CCS season will begin in the spring.

Nonetheless, the climbing team has remained busy this year with the American Bouldering Series (ABS) events.

So far, they have attended two ABS competitions, including one in early October that marked the first-ever climbing competition hosted by UVM.

UVM boasted two of the top 10 climbers of the competition: freshman Coby Unger, who finished in fifth place, followed by Caha in sixth.

"You get as much as you put in," Grosfely-Katz said.

With the next event held at Petra Cliffs on Nov. 21, the climbing team once again proved that putting in time, effort while having fun gets people on podiums.

## Staff Council Holiday Bazaar

Thursday, December 3, 2009  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Grand Maple Ballroom  
Dartmouth College

Affordable  
Crafts  
Gifts  
Hats  
Hoodies  
Jackets  
Wreaths

For more information, visit  
[www.uvm.edu/~stffcncl](http://www.uvm.edu/~stffcncl)

\* This is a Cash only Event

**Food Drive to benefit the  
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf**

One Non-Perishable Food Item = One Free Raffle Ticket





UVM rugby team climbs to top in the nation



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

The men's rugby team meets before the 74-9 blowout of Williams College on Oct. 3. The team has found unparalleled success this season and hold a number one ranking. The team finished the regular season with a record of 8-2 and secured the No. 1 seed going into April's national tournament to face the Mid-Atlantic No. 2 in Florida.

## Victory over defending champion and rival Middlebury propels club

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

The UVM rugby team is now the No. 1 team in the nation after a pair of wins on Nov. 14 and 15 against defending champions Middlebury College and UMass-Amherst.

The victories secured UVM as the winners of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) D-II 2009 Northeast Men's Collegiate Championship and as the top-seeded team going into the national playoffs next spring.

"This weekend was really the culmination of everything the team has been working toward since our pre-season camp in late August," junior captain Jack Bates said. "We knew that if we stuck to our game plan and played smart rugby we could walk away from the weekend

with two wins."

The weather didn't make things easy for the Catamounts, as the Nov. 15 game against Middlebury was delayed 90 minutes to let excess water drain from the pitch.

"I think it speaks to the character of the players that we were able to come back two days in a row in less-than-favorable conditions and beat two very strong teams," Bates said.

The team finished with a record of 8-2 and the team's only losses came against Middlebury, making the victory against them last weekend even more satisfying.

"Beating UMass to secure a spot in the Florida tournament coming up this spring was definitely a huge accomplishment," junior James Dailey said.

"Beating Middlebury for the championship was definitely the biggest achievement of the season for me."

**"It was a significant time and effort commitment by the whole team and we have prevailed"**

Declan Connolly  
Head Coach

"This is my fourth year that I have had to face regular season losses to Middlebury — beating them in the NRU championship game, when it really counts, is indescribable," Vice President and senior Charles Powell said.

In order to be ready to contend for a national championship, the team has gone through intense training and faced a tough practice schedule this semester.

"Our players came back early for training camp before school started, and then we have practiced at 7 a.m. for this semester," head coach Declan Connolly said. "It was a significant time and effort commitment by the whole team and we have prevailed."

"They were incredibly draining, but the result is undeniable," Dailey said. "We are now elite competitors at the national level."

Though the team is riding high right now, the playoffs are still many months away, which could present some challenges for the team while also giving

them time to prepare for what is to come.

"We're a long way from being the team we need to be," Dailey said. "One issue we'll have to deal with is a small roster. We are definitely looking for new players to give us depth."

Dailey also addressed the difficulty of getting solid practice against other teams before the national playoffs.

"For most of the Northeast, spring season is much more informal and much more geared toward building the next year's team," he said.

Connolly has confidence in the team's ability to address these difficulties and continue improving.

"The results this season have been excellent," he said. "This team has the skills to be national champions, time will tell."

## ACC tourney victory has Kotsopoulos, Catamounts flying high

By Will Andreyca  
Staff Writer

While the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) is arguably the best basketball conference in the country for both men and women, the America East Conference is a relatively unknown conference to most basketball fans.

The teams from each conference seldom meet on the court, but when they do, the ACC team usually

dismantles the team from the America East — as was the case in 2005 when the women's basketball team lost to Boston College, 79-38.

However, there are those rare occasions when the team from the smaller conference gets lucky and pulls off an improbable upset.

This year, the women's basketball team played the Cinderella role, and it wasn't luck that secured them the win.

The Cats went to North Carolina State Wolfpack Invitational and simply outplayed every team there, earning the championship title.

The Catamounts defeated Western Michigan 79-65 in the

first round of the tournament and followed up their first victory with a statement 52-47 win over tournament host N.C. State.

Head coach Sharon Dawley is certainly happy with her team, but won't start coasting just yet.

"I am proud of this win, but there are still a lot of things we can improve on," Dawley said.

"We got better this weekend and proved to ourselves that we can compete with a lot of teams and win some games if we stick together."

Senior May Kotsopoulos was named tournament MVP, scoring 26 points against Western Michigan and another 21 against N.C. State in the final.

"May was outstanding this

weekend," Dawley said. "She stood out as a premier player through not only her talent, but her leadership too."

Kotsopoulos values all her hard work paying off in the form of a tournament MVP award but realizes the progress of the team, as a whole, is the most important thing.

"I'm happy with the recognition but I'm most happy with our team's success," Kotsopoulos said. "We had a lot of people step up and have great weekends, showing the contributions they are going to have this year."

The magnitude of winning an ACC tournament is felt by all the Catamounts. For any mid-major

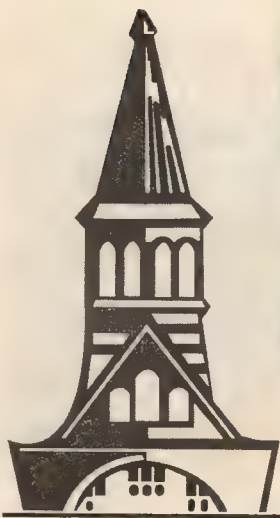
to go on the road and take a major conference tournament is a key to future success in March.

"Winning a tournament hosted by an ACC team is exciting and definitely shows people what kind of team we are at Vermont," Kotsopoulos said.

The victory over such a strong basketball team will hopefully provide Vermont with the momentum they need to continue competing at such a high level, she said.

"This past weekend's win definitely helps bring us confidence going into this weekend when we play another ACC team [Boston College], as well as a future games coming up," she said.



**OPINION**

Cynic columnist Jeff Ayers debates whether UVM is getting fatter.

5

**SPORTS**

Men's basketball returns home from an exhausting road stretch.

15

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, December 8, 2009 - Volume 126 Issue 14 | Burlington, Vermont

**FEATURE**

Despite being dry, UVM dorms enjoy a considerably large drinking culture.

8



## Undergrads find credit, experience in UVM labs

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

When senior Andrew Waldeck goes to his lab on the third floor of the Cook Physical Science building, he's not working on your typical academic science experiments.

As an undergrad researcher, Waldeck receives credit for building molecules that may be useful against cancer, which are then sent to Italy's University of Padua for biological testing.

"UVM is one of the few colleges in the country that allows undergrads into labs and research programs," Undergraduate Research Coordinator Gayle Bress said.

Over the past two summers, Waldeck was paid to do research with UVM professor Dr. Paul Krapcho, bringing him one step closer to his goal of becoming a synthetic organic chemist.

"This is what I want to do with my life," Waldeck said.

Lab research isn't limited to honors and prospective med students, Bress said.

"Anybody can do research for experience."

Until recently, funding has only been available for undergraduate programs related to science, technology, engineering and math.

Come January, UVM hopes to broaden the database of research opportunities to include areas of study for the social sciences, humanities, fine arts, history and business.

Students can earn one credit for every three hours a week they work in the lab, Bress said, and students who devote a lot of time to research often apply for EUREKA grants, fellowships, or mini grants, but many students are primarily interested in the experience.

"Students doing undergrad research are building important skills that will help them be more competitive to the job market and to many graduate programs," Pamela Gardner,

see RESEARCH page 2

## Students speed through exams



## Uncovering the practical realities of Adderall abuse on UVM's campus

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Staff Writer

That magical, fix-all pill just got easier to swallow.

Students are looking to Adderall, a drug prescribed to people with ADD and ADHD, to manage their workload.

"People use Adderall toward the end of the semester when papers and tests are piling up," junior Ellen Sears said.

Adderall attaches to specific receptors in the brain that are linked to the ability to really focus, director for the Center of Health and Wellbeing Dr. Jon Porter said.

"If you want good grades, you have to put the work in, so people take Adderall because it gives them the physical capability and concentration to do copious amounts of work," sophomore Kelly Walsh said.

Although it is most commonly abused during finals, students say they take it throughout the year as well, according to one junior CDAE major, who wished to remain anonymous.

"All my friends do it, and

not everyone, but most people I know do it, too. I just got five pills upstairs [in the library]," he said. "It is also really easy to fake ADD to get Adderall, which a lot of people do. Out of my group of friends, five kids are prescribed it and none of them have ADD."

Porter said that he is concerned about the ease with which students are getting prescriptions.

"We in the medical community have to make sure that the diagnosis is arrived at in a very rigorous way," Porter said. "We want to know we aren't masking

Porter said that this is an important reason that people need to see a doctor and get a proper diagnosis before taking Adderall or other medications not prescribed to them.

Although most people get Adderall through a friend with a prescription or get a prescription themselves, it is standard to pay about \$2 for every 10 mg if you're buying it from someone you don't know, junior Ellen Sears said.

Since drugs started to be advertised as a solution to numerous disorders on television,

the "medicalization" of daily life makes it easier for people to take a prescription pill, even if its not prescribed for them.

"I have ADD and it sucks to have to take medicine. It reduces your appetite and keeps you awake. It doesn't seem like it's worth it at all to take it if you don't have to," sophomore Nash Hall said. "There has got to be a better way to get your studying done than taking pills," he said.

Adderall is not only used for helping to get through that 20-page paper, but also recreationally.

"I take it [while] drinking," the junior CDAE major said. "You can snort it or just take it as a pill and basically it just gives you [an] adrenaline rush. You are pretty happy, nothing can piss you off and it makes you more focused."

However, this type of abuse is one of Porter's main worries.

"Combined with alcohol and cocaine, it can predispose people to cardiac arrhythmias, especially if it is used in significant amounts," Porter said.

**"I just got five pills upstairs [in the library]."**  
Anonymous CDAE major  
Junior

other issues."

People with underlying issues that they may be unaware of, particularly structural heart issues, high blood pressures and arrhythmias, could have negative reactions with the medication, he said.

taking medication has been normalized, Diana Gonzalez, UVM drug and alcohol educator, said.

"[Students have] grown up with television ads saying, 'If you have this problem, just take this!'" Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez is concerned that

see ADDERALL page 2



## The student government backs water bottle ban

Members urge administration to stop stocking bottled water

By Jeff Botula  
News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) passed a bill last Tuesday supporting the ban of bottled water on campus.

But this doesn't mean any change just yet — control over bottled water, among other beverage sales, is managed by the administration.

"What I am hoping now is to open up the table for discussion about this issue with [the administration] such as V.P. Gustafson to talk about the feasibility of UVM going through with this initiative," Marlee Baron, the SGA senator responsible for the bill, said.

While student organizations like VSTEP have started bottled water campaigns aimed at students, handing out free water bottles and hanging empty bottles around the Davis Center, the SGA's resolution looks toward the administration for changes.

The bill cites social and ecological hazards as reasons for the proposed ban.

While most students who spoke at the meeting agreed with the motive, some said the bill would be a poor decision for the

SGA.

One advocated for freedom of choice, another suggested postponing the bill until the Coca-Cola contract expires in 2012, while yet another questioned the thoroughness of prior student polling.

Another student, speaking in support of the bill, said that out of 50 students he talked to, 47 were in favor, while one said he would support it only if one place on campus could still sell it.

"That's a very strong percent of random students," he said. "I love to hear specific numbers ... rather than invoking this ghost of these people that aren't here."

After the discussion, voting concluded with a vote of 27 to 7, with three members abstaining.

"It may still turn out that, before the admin is even willing to talk about this matter, a broader base of students will have to be mobilized," Baron said.

"Students involved in VSTEP understand this to be primarily their charge to organize a student movement to garner more diverse support across campus and further educate the community about the reasons behind this ban idea," she said.

## Groovy UV no more?



**HARRISON BIGLER** | The Vermont Cynic  
UVM's new 30-second commercials attempt to emphasize the community surrounding the University. UVM hired creative director Tim Brunelle, who is popular for his work on Volkswagen's Drivers Wanted campaign.

## TV commercials try to build a new UVM image

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

Filmed on two sunny days in November, UVM's new ad won't be your typical college commercial.

Airing later this month, and replacing the University's "dated" 6-year-old commercial, the three new 30-second spots will be played during the free airtime given to the school for televised athletic events.

"Fundamentally, the message is that UVM is an interesting place," vice president for Student & Campus Life Tom Gustafson said. "We're trying to convey a message of academic quality without overlooking our exciting community."

The three spots will cost about \$65,000, Gustafson said, but the entire cost will be covered with gift money the University received from alumni.

"It's one of those things you need to do if you want to compete with other universities," Gustafson said. "We needed to take this opportunity to tell people how great UVM is."

UVM hired creative director Tim Brunelle to make the ads. Brunelle is popular for his work on Volkswagen's Drivers Wanted campaign and has been making commercials since 1992.

"Fair or unfair, the Groovy UV image has been around," Brunelle said, hoping these commercials will challenge that stereotype.

The project's goal is to make something visually stimulating that somehow captures UVM's academic excellence and

accentuate what makes us unique, he said.

"If the spots look cool, then UVM looks cool," Brunelle said.

Brunelle is currently editing the commercial with Jerry Spivak at Ring of Fire Studios in Santa Monica, Ca., the same studio that does work for director Tim Burton and companies like Intel and UPS.

"It's true of every commercial production, you're always kind of pulling in favors," Brunelle said, "but in this case Jerry really liked the idea behind the spots."

Brunelle wanted the spots to have a "fresh cutting edge look" so that, even without the audio, people still think UVM looks good.

**"If the spots look cool, then UVM looks cool."**

**Tim Brunelle**  
Creative director

Most advertising from other universities all looks the same, Brunelle said.

"It's the helicopter shot of the campus and the guy holding up the test tube, and the same visual and somatic material," he said, "and it's boring."

"I think, visually, these spots are going to stand out in the realm of marketing colleges and universities," Brunelle said. "I hope that people look at UVM's advertising and say it's as good as Nike's advertising."

"As a brand, why couldn't the University compete on that

level?" Brunelle said. "Why shouldn't it?"

The filming took two days and features 34 students and faculty reading from three different scripts.

English professor Phillip Baruth was cast as one of the faculty actors.

"My favorite line was something like, 'This is where the modern University was born 250 years ago, and it's still making history today,'" he said. "For me, that captures the University at its very best."

"I always wanted to be in a commercial," Baruth said.

"On many levels this has been one of my favorite jobs, and I'm not just saying that," Brunelle said. "The clients have been very honest ... and they know how to articulate their passion for the school."

The ad is scheduled to air during the 24 combined regular season games of the men's hockey and men and women's basketball teams, appearing on networks like ESPNU, ESPN2 and NESN.

NESN reaches four million homes every broadcast according to Chris McCabe, the assistant Vice President for Athletic Marketing and Business Development, and each ESPN broadcast reaches upwards of 10 million homes.

"If you were to quantify all the airtime UVM is getting for free, it would be around seven figures," McCabe said. "It's a great way for the University to have access to a national and possibly international audience."

## ADDERALL | Keeping campus wired

...continued from page 1

Side effects of Adderall can include the inability to sleep, sleep disruption, weight loss and dangerously high heart rates.

Gonzalez said that there has been minimal research regarding Adderall's long-term effects.

"Not only are we talking about people are misusing the drug because it's not prescribed to them, they also don't have studies to see the effects," she said.

In addition to the physical effects of the drug, Gonzalez is aware of the additional social side effects.

"If people are relying on an outside source, like Adderall, as their path to the academic performance, they think they will only get it from that pill," she said. "You are giving up power and making your performance not about you — it takes away your ability to believe in yourself."

Gonzalez said that she feels the prevalence of study drug abuse does not fit into the goal of the UVM community.

"If we are a school that believes in academics, that means we don't take drugs to do our academics," she said.

## RESEARCH | Students find lab work

...continued from page 1

director of Career Services, said.

"A lot of students learn by working hands-on," Bress said. "The lab gives students the opportunity to apply their knowledge and see a product of their work."

UVM professor Keith Mintz is currently researching oral bacteria. Assisting him is undergraduate student Ryan Dundon, who works in the lab with faculty and grad students.

"My goal for undergrads is to get them an appreciation for what basic science is all about and get them engaged in their studies," Mintz said.

Dundon said that for his first year he learned to maintain the

lab and became familiar with the equipment and setting, but now he's given his own projects working on problems that haven't been answered.

"If I could have done the whole thing over, I would have gotten into the lab much sooner than I did," Dundon said.

Real research isn't like a lab course, Mintz said. "In basic science, you never stop asking questions, because you get a result, and say, 'What does this mean?'"

"[Students] don't get to explore in the classroom — they are just told to prove the hypothesis — but in the laboratory I'm trying to train their minds how to think logically," Mintz said.



# Doling out cash for that season pass

## Students refuse to give up the snowy slopes

By Katie Renda  
Cynic Correspondent

Despite the tough economy, students are actually buying more ski and snowboard passes this season, and local mountains are saying that students are unwilling to give up their beloved winter activities.

Will Curchin, vice president of the Ski and Snowboard Club (SSC), said that the club comprises roughly 2,000 students.

"The Ski and Snowboard Club offers passes to Stowe, Sugarbush and the Triple Major, which includes Jay Peak, Bolton Valley and Mad River Glen," Curchin said.

Curchin said that although season pass prices are the same this year as last year, the number of Stowe passes sold has gone up from 581 to 871, a 66 percent increase.

He also said that Triple Major remained the same at 500 passes sold and Sugarbush increased from 30 passes sold last year to 90 passes sold this year, a 33 percent increase.

SSC adviser John Abbott said UVM students remain passionate about skiing and riding, have and continued to buy passes, even in tough economic times.

"It's so cost beneficial to have a pass," Abbott said. "If you were to go out and buy a day pass at \$80 and ski for five days, that's \$400 right there."

Jeff Wise, communications director at Stowe Mountain Resort, said he has not seen a decline in snow sports participation in recent years.

"Skiing and snowboarding is a lifestyle choice," Wise said. "I also think the increase in college pass sales is due to heavy word-of-mouth marketing for ski resorts."

According to Wise, it is more cost efficient for a college student to purchase a season pass than a non-student adult.

Wise said Stowe offered a full-time college student, the discounted price before Oct. 30 of \$399 while the price increased to \$450 after Oct. 30. A non-student adult price before Oct. 30 was \$1,452 and is now \$1,815.

Sophomore Maggie Druschel said that she thinks students are more reluctant to buy passes this year and was surprised to hear that passes are still so popular.

"I bought my pass to Smuggler's Notch because I have a lot of friends who ski there," Druschel said.

"It is also less expensive and has the best snow besides Stowe."

Even though Druschel thinks the economy will affect UVM students' decisions to buy passes this year, senior Greg Blinn feels that the majority of the students that come to Vermont are attracted to the accessibility of the mountains.

"The ski prices have remained relatively the same throughout the years and, if you look at the price of the non-student adult passes, they're over \$1,800," Blinn said.

Although the sale of season passes has not been affected by the economic recession, Curchin said the SSC has seen drawbacks in their large trip sign-ups and sponsorship-by-industry companies.

"We have trips to various mountains around New England and Canada, including Jackson Hole, Mount Tremblant, Sugarloaf and Mount Snow,"

Curchin said. "The sign-ups for these trips have been cut in half."

Seventy-four people signed up for the Jackson Hole trip two years ago, but this year only 50 people are scheduled to go, Abbott said.

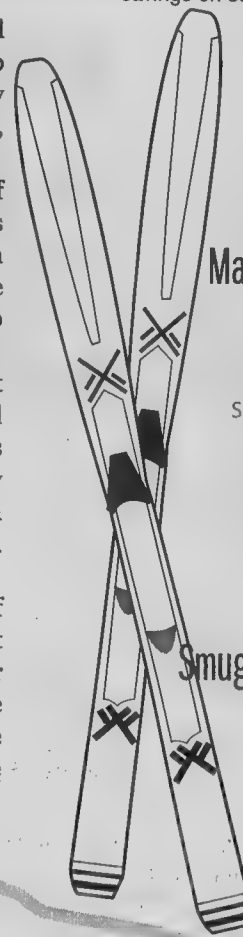
Abbott also said the price of the trip costs \$1,084 and includes airfare, lodging, transportation and a five-day lift ticket. The price of the trip increased by about \$80 since last year.

"The big trend I've seen is that people would rather take small local trips rather than larger trips because it's more economically efficient to buy a ski pass than spend over a thousand dollars on a five-day trip," Curchin said.

Curchin said that the lack of sponsorship is due to the fact that many companies that sponsor the club have closed due to the economy and are reluctant to give the Ski and Snowboard Club free goods.

## THE BEST DEALS FOR STUDENTS

Student discounts lead to huge savings on season ski passes



**Stowe**  
\$1,815  
Regular Price  
**\$450**  
Student Price

**Mad River Glen**  
\$944  
Regular Price  
**\$802**  
Shareholder Price

**Sugarbush**  
\$1,469  
Regular Price  
**\$419**  
Student Price

**Smuggler's Notch**  
\$599  
Regular Price  
**\$399**  
Student Price

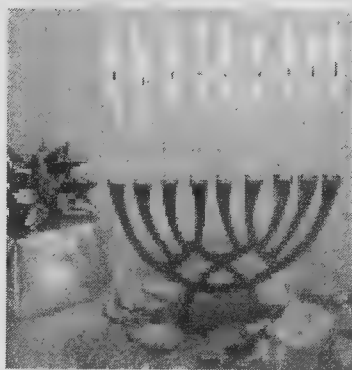
**Killington**  
\$1,249  
Regular Price  
**\$329**  
Student Price

**Triple Major**  
\$419  
Student Price  
Includes Jay's Peak, Bolton Valley, and Mad River Glen

UVM Hillel and AEPi Presents...

## Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Chanukah Festival!

CHANCE TO WIN  
AWESOME  
PRIZES!!



Come celebrate Chanukah! All are welcome!

**Saturday, December 12th at 5:30pm**

**Davis Center Livak Ballroom**

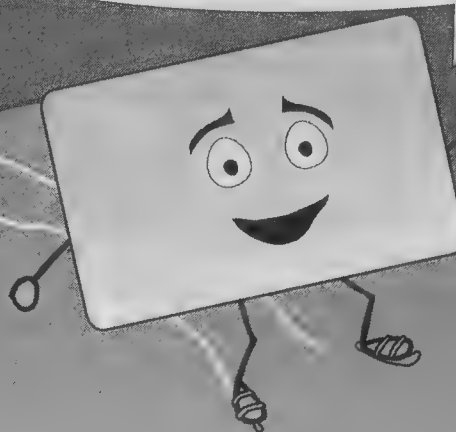
**FREE\***

- Baked Ziti dinner and homemade latkes!
- Menorah lighting! - Latke eating contest!
- Acapella show! - Willy Wonka movie showing!
- Fair trade chocolate gelt (coins)!

\*Please bring a toy to donate to the Refugee Resettlement Program or \$3-\$5 towards WARMTH, the Vermont Fuel Assistance Program.

Questions? asimpson@uvm.edu

Want to take me home?  
I'll fit nicely in your pocket.



Put a City Market Gift Card on your list so you can get more of what you want this holiday season. Gift cards can be purchased in any dollar amount. Stop by City Market or call 802-861-9700 today.

## Get Fresh.

### Class Listing:

Biscotti Making by Adele Dienno December 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sign up at customer service desk. Free.

**Sushi at City Market**  
Made fresh throughout the day



**Your Community-Owned Grocery Store**

82 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington VT 05401

Open 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. every day

802-861-9700

www.citymarket.coop

We welcome EBT, SNAP, Cash, and manufacturers' coupons



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor for Web

Alex Hendrix  
cynicweb@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Sarah Doubleday  
sdoubled@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
vcynicarts@gmail.com

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Wejchert (Arts), Katie Ida (Features), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunggaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott, Joe Martin, Ally Perleoni, Stephanie Corcoran, Briar Leigh Yazic

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Adderall: Not all that it's cracked out to be

With finals around the corner, more and more students are turning to something other than coffee to keep up the energy to complete their work.

Many students are taking non-prescribed Adderall, medication normally used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD).

Oftentimes, non-prescribed Adderall is used as a study aid or to complete large amounts of schoolwork by enabling students to focus and work at an otherwise unnatural pace and for an increased period of time without needing a break.

Although it may seem harmless to pop a pill to concentrate, doing so is creating a negative work culture.

This practice not only gets students in the habit of leaving large amounts of work to the last minute, but it also results in students equating doing work with swallowing a pill.

With Adderall, students become addicted to the instant gratification and dependent on the drug to do work.

In reality, most students could achieve a better focus and improved study habits by making healthy lifestyle changes.

According to adderall.net, some side effects include the loss of appetite, headache, insomnia, anxiety, irritability and even addiction to the drug.

Rather than using Adderall to complete our work, we should instead focus on better study habits overall.

By spreading out work to be completed at a reasonable pace, students would have the time to complete projects well, to contemplate essay topics fully and to let studying sink in before re-testing themselves.

However, at times, crunched work schedules are unavoidable.

In addition to better study and lifestyle habits, professors could help alleviate the pressure by increasing communication with students and other professors so that exams and projects do not overlap.

Overall, we need to reflect on our academic and what is really important.

Are we really willing to sacrifice our work ethic and our bodies just to be a little more productive?

With more talk among students and professors, better time-management skills and study habits and healthy lifestyles, we can put an end to this school's growing dependence on Adderall.



## COLUMNISTS



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## With blog as my witness

Maybe I've missed it, but there seems to be a surprising lack of end-of-the-decade coverage.

It probably has something to do with the name — or lack thereof — for these past 10 years.

The OOs? The aughts? There has to be something better.

Regardless, this decade has become the age of one of my favorite Internet inventions.

This decade saw the invention of blogs.

The easy-to-start pages have quickly become a political phenomenon in and of themselves.

The number of political commentators increased exponentially and, when gauging reaction to an issue, getting the reputed opinion of the "blogosphere" is virtually required.

Despite their growing

importance, there seems to be a reluctance to give bloggers too much respect — some people are downright hostile.

With the slow deathmarch of traditional media already underway, blogs are shouldering the blame for lowering standards of journalism and increasing polarization.

Kate Maltby of *The Huffington Post*, and a blogger herself, voiced her concern that blogging creates the illusion that we all have a voice.

That is until we "realize that

## These easy-to-start pages have quickly become a political issue in and of themselves.

actually, most of us are still as voiceless as we always were."

While some concerns seem reasonable, I think they're mostly off the mark.

There are actually two blogospheres and they have to be approached and assessed differently.

The first blogosphere is made up of anyone with the Internet and an opinion.

This is the bad one — there's reason to worry that good journalism will disappear if it's entrusted to this ravenously opinionated crowd.

Here's the thing: most of these amateurish bloggers are lucky to get two hits a day — there are a ton of these blogs and almost no market for them.

There's little reason to worry that the public will trade traditional media for the webpages of some self-proclaimed *PinkoLiberal* or *AmericaLover*.

The good blogosphere is really quite different.

These blogs have much higher standards and many are tied to a credible publication, increasing their legitimacy.

Since starting a blog is virtually free, many of these sites can market themselves to educated and interested audiences.

These blogs are probably the only place you can find quality, liberal-versus-conservative opinions without unnecessary anger or ill-timed commercial breaks.

If you haven't checked out this blogosphere, go to *The Daily Dish*, or a similar blog, and link your way across it.

Oh, yes. By the way, *The Cynic* opinion section writers now have their own blogs too.

So check those out.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"IT PUTS THE NAIL IN THE COFFIN ON THE IDEA THAT GAY MARRIAGE ADVOCATES CAN PERSUADE A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS THEIR CAUSE IS JUST."**

— BRIAN BROWN, executive director of the National Organization for Marriage (NOM), on the gay marriage bill in New York that didn't pass.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS



JEFF AYERS

## It's not just gym class

Pennsylvania's Lincoln University is doing its part to mold young bodies, as well as minds.

Since 2006, students with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher have been required to take three hours of physical fitness classes per week in order to receive their degrees.

While I agree with the Lincoln's direction, I think physical education should be a schoolwide endeavor.

All students should be

required to take some sort of physical education class in order to receive a degree, not just those who fall into certain categories.

Your BMI doesn't have a direct correlation to how healthy your lifestyle is.

You can have a BMI in the normal range of 18 - 22 and still live an unhealthy lifestyle full of burgers, milkshakes and greasy Cook Commons pizza.

Lincoln's policy is trying to fix a problem after the fact, when preventative measures are what are really called for.

Waiting until someone is in the obese range before trying to curb his or her lifestyle is like trying to stop teen pregnancy by teaching about abortion rather than abstinence — you've already missed the boat.

Lincoln may be waiting too long to teach physical education, but they don't beat around the bush with this policy.

It says straight up: "How you're living is unhealthy and dangerous, and it's time to take steps to change that lifestyle."

In the fattest country in the world, you would assume stricter physical education policies would be popping up everywhere, but instead, many schools are cutting their physical education requirements — I'm looking at you, UVM.

Producing educated and healthy young men and women should be component of every university nationwide.

If UVM takes the time to teach an entire class about Disney movies, shouldn't they also take the time to teach people to eat more fruits and vegetables and to exercise at least a couple times a week?

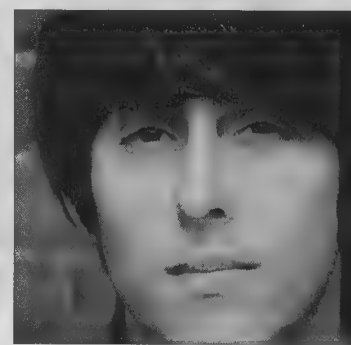
UVM should bring back its P.E. requirements.

Lincoln University has the right idea, even if it has the wrong execution.

After all, what good is a degree if you are too unhealthy to take advantage of it?

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## The student body grows as class options shrink



MAX KRIEGER

I know I am not the only one who finds it obnoxious that I pay more than \$40,000 a year and still cannot take the classes I want.

Second semester is almost here and every conversation I have seems to be about horrible class schedules.

Students complain about limited class spaces, conflicting times and countless other problems.

toward more professors and more classes is being shoved into a \$55 million housing project to encompass the flood of new students.

It can be argued that new students bring more funding to help alleviate the current squeeze on professors.

Regrettably, this new influx of capital will most likely be used to build even more housing and classrooms.

I fear that next year I may not even be able to take 15 credits worth of classes.

At some point, the University needs to realize that they must overhaul both the course selection process and the flow of funding.

Course selection could be improved by allowing students with declared majors the first chance to sign up for courses.

Additionally, courses should be offered in a wider time frame in order to accommodate all student needs.

The most obvious change should be a shift in priority from the current emphasis on a larger student body to a focus on the current students and their needs.

This underdevelopment in course selection is a direct result of UVM's inability to keep up and change with the times.

In recent years, the school has become more popular, but not more selective.

The resulting boom in students lowers the quality of education received as well as raising the student to staff ratio.

The University needs to wake up and see that they must become more selective if they want to provide students with the education we're paying for.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Playing the fame game

It's going to happen to all of us at some point in our lives — usually when we let our guards down, and, of course, when we least expect it.

It may happen so quickly that a few of us won't even realize what happened until it's over.

What I'm talking about are those brief, self-aggrandizing moments when the whole world

is our oyster.

For most, these 15 minutes of fame will come to us at no cost. We simply have to live our lives and be ourselves — fate will do the rest.

Others are willing to go to great lengths to achieve their fame.

But what is the true cost of that quarter-hour of fame?

Jon and Kate — with the eight kids and failed marriage — tried their luck at it and their 15 minutes came to a crashing halt when their lives imploded on national television.

In a similarly ridiculous episode, Richard and Mayumi Heene contrived a story that their son floated away in a homemade hot air balloon.

After a 50-mile, hours-long chase of the balloon and the following frenzied media storm, their son was found above their garage.

Needless to say, the rest of the Heene's 15 minutes will be spent in court.

Most recently, we saw Michael and Tareq Salahi crash President Obama's first state dinner, evading the Secret Service and starting a media frenzy in the process.

The thing with fame is that people get so caught up in obtaining it, they forget to be unsung celebrities of the real world: parents who actually raise their children, community volunteers, teachers, doctors, police officers, firefighters, the friend who will always be there and all the others that make our world a semi-habitable place.

They are the real celebrities of the world, and their 15 minutes should never end.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Here's another setback

Dear Editor,

The gay rights movement suffered another setback Dec. 2 as the New York State Senate rejected the Marriage Equality Bill that would have granted same-sex couples the right to marry in the Empire State.

While the shift in public opinion over the last half-century has shown growing support for gay rights, equality has been coming slowly.

Currently, only Vermont, Iowa, Massachusetts and Connecticut allow gay marriage.

This is not a political issue, but one between a loving couple.

Heterosexuals have nothing to lose if homosexuals are allowed to marry.

Your religious beliefs are exactly that — your own, and they will continue to be so.

You are entitled to your beliefs and are free to express them as such. If you oppose same-sex marriage for any reason — religious, moral, political — you

may hold that belief and no one can take that from you.

But you don't have the right to impose it upon others.

This debate isn't about protecting the sanctity of marriage — surely the best way to assure this would be to limit marriage to people who truly love each other.

Those who believe discrimination no longer exists in this country, or believe that it could ever desist, are both naive and irresponsible.

We ignore discrimination because we don't want to see it.

It is not played out in prime time for the nation — it has no public face.

We don't see the discrimination against homosexuals as we did with the fire hoses in Birmingham, the bleeding marchers in Selma or the firebombed bus in Anniston.

We don't see the man unable to visit his sick partner in the hospital or the woman who has to find her own insurance,

despite the fact that her partner's employer offers spousal benefits.

We don't see the high school student afraid to admit his sexuality because his parents will kick him out of the house.

We saw the election of Barack Obama as a referendum on discrimination in America that the arc of the moral universe had indeed bent toward justice.

But as he has championed this triumph of our nation, we have ignored the discrimination that still pervades and undermines American society — of many groups, including homosexuals.

If you don't like gay marriage, don't get one.

If we continue to openly persecute Americans for who they are — not because of their beliefs or ideology, but their actual being, we have learned nothing from our history.

Sincerely,  
Zach Despart  
Class of 2012

## Spending the holidays in Maine?

Check out what the University of Southern Maine has to offer!

• Winter Session online courses offered Dec. 21, 2009–Jan. 15, 2010

• Spring Semester begins Jan. 19, 2010



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN MAINE

For more information e-mail  
studentsuccess@usm.maine.edu  
or call 780-4040.

www.usm.maine.edu



# Class Council feeds off “New Moon” frenzy

## Twilight makes females swoon



By Megan Fitzgerald  
Cynic Correspondent

Movies with half-naked men displaying their six-packs are bound to generate excitement, but who knew such physiques could be found on blood-sucking vampires and violent werewolves.

At Moonlight Movie Madness, sponsored by the 2012 Class Council, UVM students lined the dark sidewalk outside of Essex Cinemas, excited and ready to see the long-awaited sequel of the international “Twilight” phenomenon.

The “New Moon” fusion of sexy vampires and brawny wolf-men made Moonlight Movie Madness a hit — 350 people came, sophomore Class Council member Brittany Jean said.

Students paid \$10 to see three movies between midnight and 6 a.m., but “New Moon” had the

most showings, according to Class Council information signs.

With most of the 2012 Council members working the event, they were able to raise a good deal of money, Jean said.

“Essex Cinemas was amazing and helpful,” Jean said. “The biggest problem was staying awake for that long, but people rose to the occasion.”

People waited in line talking about the movie that had the third largest box office opening ever, raking in upwards of \$140.7 million, according to *US Weekly*.

“I was excited to see the movie, although I didn’t appreciate all the screaming girls while watching the movie,” junior Lisa White said.

Judging by the screaming, Bella, the heroine of “New Moon,” is not the only female going through emotional turmoil.

“Fans are divided in their viewpoints on which man is

better — Jacob or Edward,” junior Kara Gagnon said.

Yet she said that she would personally choose Jacob.

“He is sexy and adorable,” Gagnon said. “Jacob totally took over that spot in my heart.”

Junior Kelsey Collin loves Jacob with his rock-hard physique, which certainly led to movie theater giggles.

“I wish I could wash my clothes on Jacob’s abs,” she said.

Although it may appear that there are only team Jacob fans, there are people who hold tight to the belief that Edward is the best.

Edward is a romantic, passionate and beautiful being, junior Morgan Stewart said.

However, not everyone understands this obsession.

Junior Allison Swanson said that she does not know why Twilight has taken over conversations and said that she is fed up with this Twilight madness.

“I just don’t get it,” she said. “It seems like Twilight stuff is all over the place. I’ll be happy when the buzz is over with.”

Whether you’re a Jacob fan or card-carrying member of team Edward, there is another movie to look forward to — the third movie, “Eclipse,” which comes out June 10, according to the official Twilight website.

# R.A.D.-ically in need of cash

## UVM self-defense course finds funding

By Katie Renda  
Cynic Correspondent

Struggling against her attacker, sophomore Heather Fish felt her elbow connect with a stomach.

Luckily, this attack was a part of Rape Aggression Defense Systems (R.A.D.), a female self-defense course being offered by UVM Police Services.

However, the suits used in R.A.D. practice attack scenarios

— to protect the attacker and the attacked — are falling apart.

“One of the suits was completely wrapped in duct tape,” Fish said.

The duct tape has done its job for now, but luckily a new rescuer has come on the scene.

UVM Police Services crime prevention coordinator Sue Roberts said that the Vermont Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) is giving donations for the purchase of one new R.A.D. aggressor suit, consisting of full body padding and helmet, and four student suits with partial padding.

UVM police service officer and FOE member Orin Tilton said that FOE does major fundraising for various types of charity programs like cancer and diabetes funds.

When Tilton learned of R.A.D. and its need, he said that he immediately became interested and requested a grant for \$1,000.

To the benefit of UVM’s R.A.D. program, the Vermont State Aerie approved Tilton’s request for a grant.

The local Green Mountain Aerie, of which he is a member, as well as the auxiliary (women’s division), also gave \$500 for a total of \$1,500, Tilton said.

“Funding in the amount of \$150 also came from my instructing self-defense classes with UVM Athletics the previous Fall ’08 and Spring ’09 semesters,” Roberts said.

Roberts said that she also asked for financial assistance from UVM’s Health Promotion Services Department to help pay for new suits.

These suits are particularly important to the course, due to the style of training the participants receive.

“We use real people in our training instead of just a punching

bag,” Roberts said. “That way, if women encounter a real assault situation, they can know how to handle it.”

Fish said that the program boosted her confidence, especially when walking home alone at night.

“I feel our campus is very safe at night, but at the same time the police can’t be everywhere,” she said.

According to Bureau of Justice statistics, more than 2.3 million women reported assaults in the U.S. between 1973 and 1987.

Of these survivors, 71 percent avoided being raped by taking self-protective measures.

“It’s a program focused on your strength and demonstrates what you’re capable of doing,” Fish said. “It opens your eyes on how to be safer on campus and in life all around.”

12.08-12.14

TUES

FREE HAIR  
6-8 pm - 8-10 pm  
1000 Main St.

STRESS RELIEF  
HEALTH PROMOTION  
FREE HAIR  
MASSAGES  
1 pm - 12 pm  
1000 Main St.

WED

FREE LAKE DAY  
11 am - 1 pm  
Dana Center

L.I.F.E. SHOW  
7 am - 10 pm  
Dana Center

THURS

EDITOR'S HOME FOR  
THE HOLIDAYS  
5 pm  
Allen Hall

FRI

UVM 5th ANNUAL  
ADULT HOLIDAY  
10 am  
1000 Main St.

SAT

UVM 10th ANNUAL  
WINTER SHOW  
10 am - 12 pm  
1000 Main St.

SUN

MEET THE CHIEF  
10 am - 12 pm  
1000 Main St.





# Green tees

## Eco-friendly clothing line comes to UVM

By Megan Brancaccio  
Asst. Life Editor

For dedicated hockey fans and environmental enthusiasts alike, there is now one article of clothing made to satisfy all.

A recently debuted eco-friendly clothing line, Project571, is committed to selling collegiate apparel that is ethically sound for the manufacturer, the consumer and the earth, according to the project's press release.

Founders Mike Wheeler and Nathan Dean discovered that they were virtually the first people to have this sort of initiative in the eco-friendly clothing business, Wheeler said.

"No other collegiate apparel line had more than a few organic cotton options," he said.

In October 2008, the business got off the ground and began producing and selling clothing for Big 10 schools such as Michigan State while Project571 launched its UVM apparel line this past spring, Dean said.

Now UVM students can represent the University, support their favorite sports team and do something extra for the environment.

While most are just now hearing about Project571, the public reception of the idea has been positive.

"The demographic here will definitely respond well," junior Kristen Bergman said. "Sustainability and fair trade really matter in Vermont."

Wheeler said that he and Dean are not looking to save the

environment.

"After all, it is just a T-shirt," he said.

The company also guarantees that all of the materials used to produce the clothing are not harmful to the environment.

Additionally, the clothing is printed using digital screen-printing, which uses non-toxic water-based inks and much fewer resources than traditional screen-printing, Wheeler said.

Not only is the duo interested in doing their part to help the planet, but they have taken into consideration the issues of social responsibility and labor conditions for the individuals who manufacture the clothing.

"Cheap apparel has been associated with sweat shops and workers that are paid close to nothing," Wheeler said.

Instead, Wheeler and Dean said that they have signed onto a fair labor association and all of their clothing is made in fair working conditions.

For now, all of Project571 clothing is sold strictly online, but Wheeler and Dean are looking to expand in the future and begin selling their items in stores around the country, hopefully including UVM's Bookstore.

Junior Mickey Hart believes that Project571 will be successful because it offers actual products that people can buy to show their support of the earth.

"I think the company will be popular because the environment is now more than just an issue of ethics," he said. "It has become an issue of markets."

### THE UNDERGRAD GOURMET



MICHAEL MALEK

## Purée and simple

This holiday season, hundreds of thousands of students from universities across the country are pouring into trains, planes and automobiles on their way home in hopes of what may be the first home-cooked meal they've had in months.

This longed-for meal can cause quite a bit of stress for parents and grandparents, though, as they tear out their hair out preparing for the holidays — spending six hours in the kitchen and fighting off fellow grocery shoppers is standard.

Isn't it time, then, for students to start bringing something to the table instead of sitting in a room huddled around an Xbox?

A delicious twist on a familiar classic, a celery purée will certainly help that happen this year.

A delectable blend of everyone's favorite roots and tubers, this simple but tasty dish is sure to bring plenty of celebration and hopefully some relaxation for your parents.

To prepare a pot large enough for roughly six servings, you'll need:

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 celery root (celeriac)
- 1 8 oz. tub of cream cheese
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 stick of butter
- Salt, pepper and nutmeg
- 2 medium saucepans
- 1 strong knife
- 1 potato masher (or similar tool)

Begin by peeling the celeriac and slicing it into similarly sized small pieces — they should be no thicker than your middle finger — to ensure even cooking.

Place all the bits into a pot of warm, salted water and let them boil for approximately 30 minutes or until soft throughout.

While the celeriac cooks, skin and slice the potatoes into similarly thin disks and put them in another pot of boiling, salted water. They should only take about 20 minutes to cook if cut thin enough.

When both roots are fully cooked, strain them with a colander to get rid of excess water. Put both back — in a now waterless pot — and mash them using the masher or a fork.

Do not use a blender! This will ruin the purée and cause it to develop a glue-like consistency.

Warm the milk in the

microwave and then add the cream cheese and the butter.

Be very careful when adding the milk. Do it little by little to ensure that your mash does not become too liquid.

If it is too dry, add more milk. If it does become too liquid-y, heat it over medium heat on the stove, stirring slowly until it is thicker.

Season to taste with pepper, salt and nutmeg — yes, nutmeg — and stir until there is an even consistency.

Surprise everyone at the table this year with this delicious side and feel free to take full credit.



## UVM WINTER BREAK EVENTS!!

### Imagine...Explore...Connect!

- Speed Networking
- Networking Reception
- Free of charge
- Light Refreshments



### New York Networking Night

Tuesday, January 12  
Credit Suisse  
11 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY  
5:00pm-8:00pm

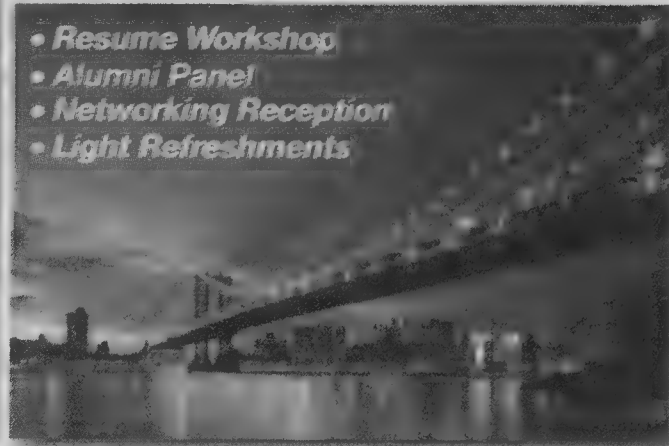
Register at:  
[alumni.uvm.edu/nycareer](http://alumni.uvm.edu/nycareer) or call  
1-888-458-8691

### Boston Networking Night

Thursday, January 7  
Sheraton Needham  
100 Cabot Street  
Needham, MA  
6:00pm-8:30pm

Register at  
[alumni.uvm.edu/bostoncareer](http://alumni.uvm.edu/bostoncareer) or call  
1-888-458-8691

- Resume Workshop
- Alumni Panel
- Networking Reception
- Light Refreshments



For accommodations, please call 802-656-3450 in advance

656-3450 | [www.uvm.edu/career](http://www.uvm.edu/career)  
**CareerServices**  
Imagine Explore Prepare

## dinner date



two burritos  
for \$9  
after 5pm  
everyday\*

**boLOCO**

92 church street, burlington  
order online at [boloco.com](http://boloco.com)  
\*regular-sized burritos, tax not included



# Hardly a

By Sarah

Legally, as all UVM undergraduates should know, not a drop of alcohol should be making its way up to the residence halls. In reality, however, more than a few 30-racks pass through dorm doors.

In 2006, the University dorms were officially made "dry," meaning that, regardless of an individual's age, they cannot possess alcohol in the dorms.

According to UVM Alcohol and Drug Education Director Diana Gonzalez, the dry dorm policy is not simply the University taking a blanket stance against drinking — after all, there is a pub on campus where students can buy a limited number of drinks.

"Having dry residence halls is not anti-alcohol," she said. "It's really about the fact that the vast majority of students living in residence halls are not able to legally drink."

Additionally, banning alcohol in the residence halls makes it easier for Police Services and ResLife to enforce the laws. It also allows RAs to make community

standards and to expect everyone will follow those standards, Gonzalez said.

But are UVM's officially dry dorms really booze-free?

The general answer of Vermont undergraduates also seems to be a resounding no.

Sergeant Dan Finnegan of UVM Police Services said that unfortunately, the dorms are not as dry as they legally should be and that alcohol is one of the top issues that Police Services deals with.

"I've been charged for the cleanup of lots of vomit in those 'dry dorms,' and I am sure most of it is alcohol-related," sophomore Amber Casterlin said.

According to UVM Police Services, almost 28 percent of students living on campus were written up for an alcohol-related violation in the 2008 calendar year.

Casterlin thinks that figure is far lower than the amount of students who actually drink on campus, and senior Billy Clark agrees.

"I am surprised it's not higher," he said. "I think that it also shows the impossibility of the low tolerance policy. It shows what the school is doing is not working."

However, Gonzalez looks at those figures as positive proof that most UVM students are acting responsibly.

"That [statistic] means that 70 percent of students living on campus [in the 2008 calendar year] have not had a violation for alcohol," she said. "Seventy percent of students are not having any problems and acting with

"The majority of the students, the majority of the time, drink responsibly, if at all."

Diana Gonzalez  
UVM Alcohol and Drug  
Education Director

"I've been charged for the clean-up of lots of vomit in those 'dry dorms' and I am sure most of it is alcohol related."

Amber Casterlin  
Sophomore



# drought

## Doubleday



Background by Dan Evancko & Josh Lee, Beer bottle courtesy of Siren-Com | Creative Commons

the judicial process around alcohol — that's fabulous."

Gonzalez maintains that irresponsible underage drinking is not as prevalent a practice as many students think it is.

"The majority of the students, the majority of the time, drink responsibly, if at all," Gonzalez said.

There seems, however, to be a disconnect between how administrators like Gonzalez interpret UVM's underage drinking patterns, and how students understand their own personal experiences with alcohol in the dorms.

Many students see the drinking habits of their peers to be much more intense than Gonzalez does.

"I don't think students drink responsibly here, and I think they drink pretty often," Casterlin said.

Clark agrees that the majority of students do drink, and do not do so responsibly.

"The term 'responsible' is vague, but on-campus drinking, in my experience, is rarely, if ever, responsible," he said.

However, the University's administration is taking steps that recognize the inevitability of underage alcohol use, and is trying to mitigate the worst consequences of drinking.

In 2006, UVM implemented a program known as Got Your Back in order to encourage students to call for medical assistance if they are with someone who may have alcohol poisoning.

Under this program, students who call in alcohol-related medical

emergencies, and the students who need medical attention, will receive amnesty from judicial sanctions through UVM, Gonzalez said.

The person who received medical attention will have to meet with the Dean of Students office, but Gonzalez sees the meeting not as punishment, but as an important preventative measure.

"If you drink to the point that you need medical attention, it's really helpful to have a meeting about how you got there, what happened and how you can stop it from happening again," she said.

Finnegan is pleased with the program because it has made it more likely that Police Services will arrive at a medical emergency situation in a timely and productive way.

"In the past, we would hear someone getting sick and their friends had left," he said. "This is not the case as much now; people are making sure that their friends get what they need."

Finnegan believes that Got Your Back is exactly the type of program needed to help lessen the worst effects of a practice that does not seem like it will disappear any time soon.

"Underage drinking is like people driving over speed limit: we will never get rid of it. What we're trying to do is educate and keep people safe," he said.



# Academic jazz ensemble not just for grades

Combo showcases a big sound to a small audience, engages crowd in piece

By Dan Suder  
Staff Writer

Melodious jazz filled Southwick Recital Hall on Dec. 3 as the UVM Jazz Ensemble Concert performed their major show of the fall semester.

The hall was only moderately full, a disheartening sign for anyone hoping for greatness. However the band would soon prove themselves worthy of a more packed house.

The big band ensemble, while an academic venture, provides the opportunity for students to both develop their music skills and creatively explore their passion.

Its function as a creative outlet became apparent from the start.

Dueling saxophone solos from Matt Davide, '13, and John Curtin, '10, brought smiles to the faces of the audience and the conductor, professor Alex Stewart.

Yet the pieces also often require difficult technical skill.

"There's pressure too. They have to hit the right notes, so sometimes it's a little stressful," Stewart said.

The band did hit all of the right notes, though, and enjoyed doing it.

"The band was great, and that's coming from someone who doesn't know jazz very well,"

junior Ariel Moser said.

The ensemble played each piece with the same amount of rigor and passion as their conductor directed them with a vibrant personality.

During a rousing performance of Mingus' "Sue's Changes," Stewart mimicked the moody musical mood of the song by touching his fingertips to his head as though he had a headache.

The concert also featured the world premiere of a song by UVM professor Patricia Julien. The song was a little more somber than some of the others, but it was nevertheless a hit with the audience.

"I really liked the Julien piece," senior Kenneth Gollins said. "The mood it created, the ominous chords in the beginning. It was just great."

Even with somewhat ominous music, the band seemed happy and interested in playing a piece different from their usual repertoire.

The liveliness was tangible and contagious.

"It really is a lot of fun," saxophonist John Curtin said. "I've played in the band a couple of times before this year and this is my favorite time playing with it."



MARTINE WONG | The Vermont Cynic

The UVM Jazz Ensemble performs their final fall show on Dec. 3. Despite the popularity of the group, attendance this year was light.

While the band is mostly to thank for the great show, there's something to be said about the choice of music — a choice that fell mostly to Stewart.

"I make the initial selections and then listen to what the kids like to play or can play, and choose based on that," he said.

The night's chosen set list didn't fit with the jazz tradition of improvisation, Stewart said, so the band scrambled the order to create a more natural-feeling show.

Despite the scrambled order, the fun continued throughout the night, and the encore, which Stewart claimed belonged in a scene from "Blazing Saddles," was an ensemble favorite.

Despite the great performance, the event wasn't well-attended.

"Word just doesn't seem to get out about these shows, the ones in the Recital Hall," Moser said. But if Stewart and the band get what they want and deserve, crowds will surely follow.

Traditional forms take on a new and inspired meaning



KELSEY WOOLEY | The Vermont Cynic  
Textile artist Anna Biró's current exhibit at 215 College St. features a ceiling-mounted audio tape piece.

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

A textile hangs from the ceiling, giving off sheen from the recycled audio tape used as yarn. Another textile is draped on a mannequin — a magnifying glass hangs down to enable inspection of its minute details.

This is the work of Montreal-based Anna Biró, who has a textile exhibit that opened at 215 College Gallery on Dec. 4.

Biró takes a traditional but rarely used art form and merges it with modern aspects to infuse her work with both history and relevance to modern life.

"The warp on the loom — that is like history," Biró said. "The thread that I weave in — that's like everyday living."

Some of the textiles in her show are made with traditional materials and some with completely unconventional ones. This combination of the classic with the innovative is a reflection of Biró's lifestyle.

"Sometimes I go traditional, sometimes I do non-traditional," Biró said. "I think that's how we live these days. We have dishes that we use from Ikea and ones from our grandparents."

Furthermore, the materials that Biró uses reflect the close connection between her work and herself.

In one piece, reflective tape has been used like yarn. "That can be a lifesaver if it's in a scarf and I'm riding my bike," Biró said.

"I like her approach to the materials a lot," Janie Cohen, director of the Fleming Museum, said. "There's kind of an ... intimate relationship to the materials."

But despite careful detail work and innovative uses of objects, Biró's art still has a certain classic, simple feel to it.

"It's not about the complexity, it's about how we translate back to life," Biró said. "I try to translate the handmade to the mindmade."

"I think it's a very elegant focus show on an under-shown medium," Jennifer Koch, who attended the opening, said.

In addition to the physical textiles, the ideas that inspired the pieces and the impressions that the pieces give are just as significant.

"It's very interesting to even try to answer the question [of what my art is about]," Biró said. "I'm happy people have questions."



# Upcoming Album Releases

As the holiday season approaches, a lull in releases in music industry usually follows. Yet, this season brings several gems to relax to over winter break. Three major hip-hop albums and two indie rock records are set to drop over the next few weeks.

Dec. 8  
"Malice in Wonderland"  
Snoop Dogg

Dec. 8  
"Shock Value II"  
Timbaland

Dec. 22  
"Rebirth"  
Lil' Wayne

Jan. 12  
"Of the Blue Colour of the Sky"  
OK Go

Jan. 12  
"Contra"  
Vampire Weekend



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Jim Osborn practiced his intimate tunes on Central Campus. While only a freshman, his songwriting, which reflects on moments in his life, has brought him to play at the Monkey House and Radio Bean.

## Singer strums personal

### Freshman musician reflects upon his intimate thoughts in acoustic ballads

By Kamran Rosen  
Cynic Correspondent

Unassuming and relatively quiet, Jim Osborn does not appear to most people as the impassioned songwriter that he is.

Osborn, a freshman, is a solo singer-songwriter who has opened for the likes of blossoming Northeast singer-songwriters Amber Rubarth, Will Daley and Joshua James.

Self-described as a mixture of folk and soft rock, Osborn describes his music as cathartic.

"I try to communicate things more honestly than I would be able to in real life," Osborn said.

His honesty shines through in self-written "You May Have Heard," and the grim "Chainsaw Toys," in which he laments the death of his beloved cousin.

Thematically, Osborn tends to focus on his personal life — his songs reflect moments in his life that changed his world outlook, and thus ultimately his musical style.

While part of this is translated into rather somber reflections on the disappointments of growing older, a large portion of his music consists of upbeat anecdotes about the most meaningful people in his life — most prominently his girlfriend.

**"I try to communicate things more honestly than I would be able to in real life."**

**Jim Osborn**

In his song "Poem on a Paper Cup," Jim expresses how his affection for his girlfriend of two years has affected his daily life and how she inspires him and his music. Yet, he makes sure not to be labeled as a romantic.

"I'm not romantic — being romantic is unpopular these days," he said.

Lyrically, Osborn displays an impressive talent with symbolism,

often using motifs throughout his songs to express a progression through time and mood.

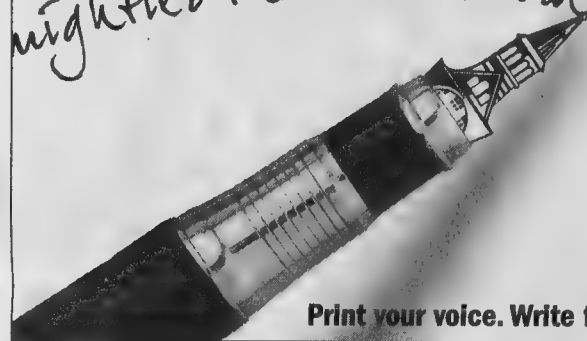
He is particularly skillful at depicting scenes through images. In the opening of the song, "The God and the Skunk," he describes an isolated morning walk in the snow.

"I took a long lonely walk in the snow, I had nowhere to go but away/And away's where I went 'til the sunlight slept, Forgot if I was awake/You know the way the weather makes you feel right back at home/Especially when you find yourself inside it all alone."

Although still a developing act in the Burlington scene, his style fits well into the singer-songwriter genre present at some of Burlington's cozier venues.

He has performed at Slade Hall, the Monkey House in Winooski and local favorite Radio Bean this fall, and he hopes to continue to develop his repertoire and style in the future.

nightier than the sword



Print your voice. Write for the Cynic.



Show your  
College ID to get  
**20% OFF**  
Your Entire Order

Excluding alcohol.  
Not to be combined with any other offer.  
Dine in and pick up only.  
Valid Sunday-Wednesday only.

**Now accepting CAT Scratch**

**Two large one topping pizzas, 2lt  
coke product and dozen wings**

**\$24.99**

Not to be combined with any other offer

[www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com](http://www.ThreeBrothersPizzaVT.com)

**973 Roosevelt Hwy.**

**Colchester, VT**

**802-655-5550 • 802-655-5075**

**Open Seven Days a Week:**

**Sun-Thurs 11a-9p, Fri- Sat 11a-10pm**



# NO GOOD REASON

by R.Valenti



Dog Days by DJ Cohen

Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



Funded in part by Title X

? ? ? ? ?  
**STD ? HIV ?**  
**? CDC ? HPV**  
**? ? IUD ?**

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
 WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

**Planned Parenthood**  
 a national health coalition

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

1-800-230-PLAN | [www.ppanet.org](http://www.ppanet.org) | [www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)

*mightier than the sword*

**Your pen.  
 Your voice.  
 Write for  
 The Cynic.**

**THE CYNIC**

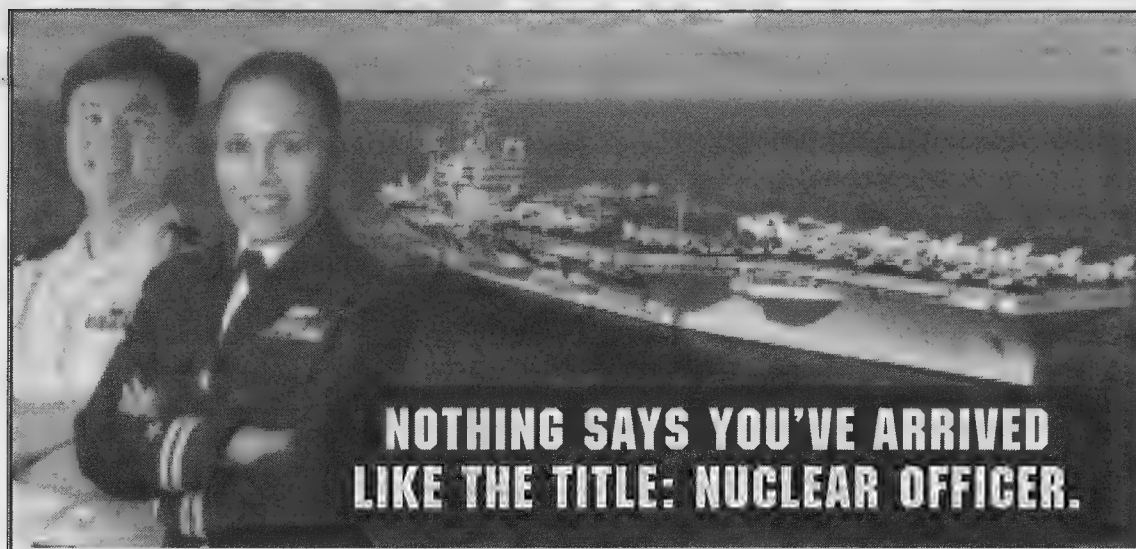
**Mac Sales and Service**  
 APPLE CERTIFIED laptop + desktop technician - repairs, upgrades etc. Networks, wireless installation + support. Sales of pre-owned Apple laptops, desktops and much more. Service of PC's as well.  
 Baha Computer Works, 200 Main street, Burlington.  
[bahacomputerworks.com](http://bahacomputerworks.com) -baha@madriver.com  
 802.279.8756, 802.657.3933



# FINDS!

DRINK SPECIALS  
SALES AT PEARL ST.  
FEATURED EVENTS  
CHEAP GRUB  
LOCAL GIGS  
SWEEPSTAKES  
FUND RAISERS  
GIVE AWAYS  
PLUS MORE...

**BROKE**  
**BURLINGTON**  
**.COM**



**NAVY**

Put yourself in truly elite company. From day one. In the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate program (NUPOC). Get up to \$150,000\* in financial support as a student. Enjoy an impressive salary. Extraordinary benefits. As well as world-class technical training. Command a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. A stealth submarine. And teams of Sailors. Ready to gain experience beyond your years? Learn more.

**CALL YOUR NAVY RECRUITER TODAY.**  
(800) 792-9099 • mill\_cnrc\_lpt\_newengland@navy.mil

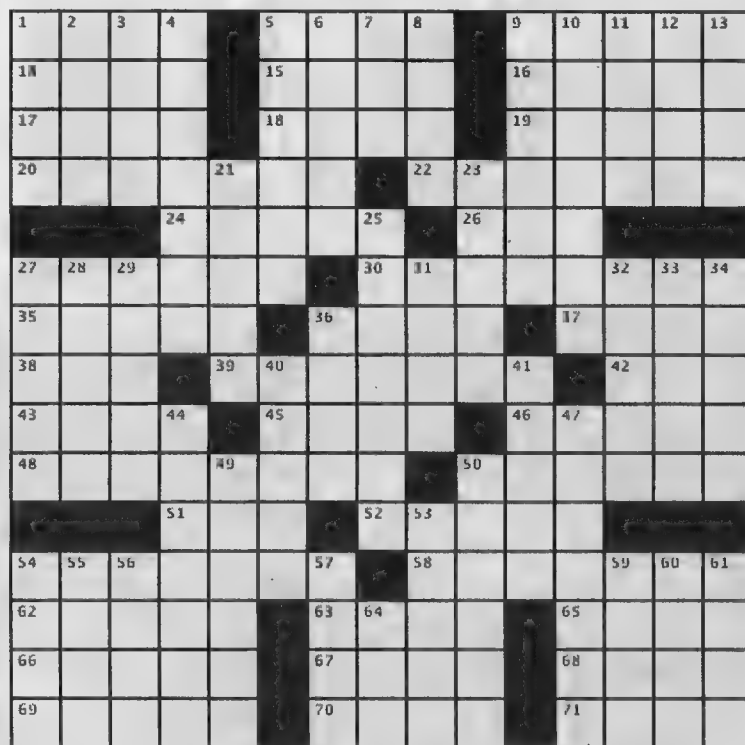
Accelerate  
your life™

\*Depending on location. © 2008. Paid for by the U.S. Navy. All rights reserved.

402DADG0F08

## Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



### ACROSS

- 1- New Mexico art colony
- 5- Warts and all
- 9- Clear the board
- 14- Editor Wintour
- 15- Adventurous exploit
- 16- Artery that feeds the trunk
- 17- Appearance
- 18- Uh-uh
- 19- Echolocation
- 20- Highland
- 22- Template
- 24- Inclined
- 26- Animation unit
- 27- Legitimate
- 30- Reduce
- 35- Broadcast
- 36- Defense grp. since 1949
- 37- Edible corm
- 38- Cedar Rapids college
- 39- Graceful in form
- 42- Belonging to us
- 43- Additional
- 45- Change for a five
- 46- High points
- 48- Located
- 50- Prima ballerina
- 51- Driller's deg.
- 52- Arabian republic

- 54- Situated near the kidneys
- 58- Verbena
- 62- Stage play
- 63- Antiquing agent
- 65- Cube creator
- Rubik
- 66- Clod of turf
- 67- Strong taste
- 68- Singer Sedaka
- 69- Thorn
- 70- "\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- 71- This, in Tijuana

### DOWN

- 1- Compact by pounding
- 2- Indigo
- 3- Draft classification
- 4- Capital of New Mexico
- 5- Corn
- 6- Capital of South Korea
- 7- AOL, e.g.
- 8- Pace
- 9- Christian festival
- 10- Tiny plant part
- 11- "Rule Britannia" composer
- 12- Celestial body
- 13- Acquire through

- merit
- 21- Chopin composition
- 23- Follow, as advice
- 25- Calamity
- 27- Shoe ties
- 28- Garlic sauce
- 29- Take away by force
- 31- Greek letters
- 32- Model Campbell
- 33- Brutal
- 34- Stallion, e.g.
- 36- Branta sandvicensis
- 40- \_\_\_ luck!
- 41- Spud
- 44- Good spirit
- 47- Assemble
- 49- Congenitally attached
- 50- Come out
- 53- 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.
- 54- Contributes
- 55- Faucet problem
- 56- Sitarist Shankar
- 57- After the bell
- 59- Ancient Athens's Temple of \_\_\_
- 60- Monogram ltr.
- 61- Vincent Lopez's theme song
- 64- Beetle juice?

## Sudoku

### Easy

2		3	6		8			
	4			2		8		3
8		1		4		6		
	6	5			7		4	9
3								1
7	9		1			3	5	
		8		5		1		6
5		9		1			3	
			4		9	5		2

### Hard

		3	7	5				
6			2			7		
9				1			6	
		8				3	9	
	7	1				2		
	3			2				9
		5			8			1
				7	3	5		



# CALENDAR

tues.08: small jazz combos

**7.30pm, uvm recital hall**

weds.09: free latke day!

**davis center**

thur.10: lgbtqa home for the holidays

**5.00pm, allen house**

fri.11: holiday ball with s.a.s.s.

**6.00pm, patrick gym**

sat.12: men's hockey v. st. lawrence

**7.05pm, rink**

sat.12: top cats winter show

**8.00pm, ira allen chapel**

**uvm.edu/bored**



## Sports shorts

By Jack Stratton-Spina  
Cynic Correspondent

### Cats top the Big Green

The men's basketball team took the short trip down I-89 to face Dartmouth (1-5) in what was their eighth straight road game last Monday.

Junior Joey Accaoui shot six for seven from the floor and 4-for-4 from the line in just 24 minutes of action, finishing the night with a career-high 17 points.

Vermont won with a final score of 63-58, taking the Catamounts to an even .500 on the year, improving to 4-4.

Two other Cats hit double figures in the road win: senior Maurice Joseph adding 15, and fellow senior Marqus Blakely recording another double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

### Former NHL star and UVM alum inducted to Hall of Fame

Former University of Vermont and NHL star John LeClair ('91) was inducted into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame on Dec. 3 at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

As a pro, LeClair recorded 819 points, 406 goals and 413 assists, in 967 career games over 16 NHL seasons as a member of the Montreal Canadiens, Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins.

In 1993, he won the Stanley Cup. LeClair was a five-time All-Star and became the first American-born NHL player to post three consecutive 50-goal seasons from 1995-1998.

As a Catamount, LeClair notched 56 goals and 60 assists for 116 points in 92 games between 1987-1990. He is UVM's highest ever draft selection.

### Uhl named to ESPN's Nordic First-Team for academic performance

Senior Juergen Uhl of the men's Nordic ski team has been named to the *ESPN the Magazine's* Academic All-America Men's At-Large First-Team.

Uhl is just the fourth Catamount in school history to be named to the Academic All-America First-Team.

He was a three-time NCAA All-American and was named to the NCAA All-Academic Team all four years, while maintaining a 3.81 grade point average in mechanical engineering.

He was able to cap off his career by winning the 10k classic at the 2009 NCAA Ski Championships to earn Vermont's first individual national championship in a Nordic event since 1998.

# Travel challenges men's basketball

## Ten-game away stretch finally ends

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

Monday night's game against Yale marked the tenth-straight road game for the Catamounts and, as one might suspect, the team is a bit travel weary.

But along with the extensive travel comes the opportunity to spread the name of the program as it plays schools from larger programs.

During the Thanksgiving break, the team traveled to Philadelphia to participate in the Legends Classic tournament, hosted by Drexel University.

The Catamounts began the tournament with a win over Rutgers, who plays in arguably the top college basketball conference in the country: the Big East.

"Anytime we can beat a Big East school it's good for us," junior guard Joey Accaoui said.

The long road of travel eventually wore down the paws of the Cats, as they went on to lose their next two tournament games to Drexel and Cornell.

"We were on the road for a while, so we were a little bit worn out," Accaoui said. "But that's not an excuse for why we lost. We played a very good Drexel team, we didn't shoot the ball well, we missed a lot of free throws."

"I thought that game was lost in the first half and it was very disappointing," head coach Mike Longergan said. "Drexel is a tough team, and they were a lot tougher than us."

But the Catamounts would

end their losing streak with a dominant win against the Mid-American Conference's Toledo, by the score of 82-49. Senior guard Maurice Joseph led the team with 21 points, while Accaoui chipped in 10.

"The next night, I think we were so frustrated that we lost so many games, we just took out our anger on Toledo," Accaoui said. "We came out really fired up."

During the long road trip, the bench play has stepped up its productivity, with Accaoui as a weapon from outside and junior Garrett Kissel being a force on the boards.

Kissel set a career high in rebounds with 10, including five offensive in the win over Toledo, while Accaoui set a career high 17 points in a recent victory against Dartmouth.

Accaoui has stepped into a larger role offensively to fill the vacancy left by last year's captain Mike Trimboli.

"This year I have more of a role offensively because the losses of Mike and Colin McIntosh, so I've had to step up," Accaoui said. "You have to remember Marqus [Blakely] is getting triple teamed every game, so it opens up opportunities for guys like me on the perimeter."

The contributions from players like Accaoui and Kissel from the bench as well as the return of starter sophomore Garvey Young from injury will help the team as it makes its final push through the non-conference schedule.



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Post injury, sophomore Garvey Young (21) will need to work to get back into the starting lineup as the Cats near conference play.

### Legends Classic Results:

[Nov. 22] Vermont 77, Rutgers 71  
[Nov. 27] Drexel 74, Vermont 61  
[Nov. 28] Cornell 67, Vermont 59  
[Nov. 29] Vermont 82, Toledo 49

## Cynic NFL picks

By Jake Ahrens



Cincinnati Bengals vs.  
Minnesota Vikings  
Pick Vikings

This game should be exciting with two playoff bound teams squaring off in the Metrodome in Minnesota. Go with the Vikes in this one.

They seem nearly impossible to slow down, with a hard-hitting defense, the league's second-highest scoring offense behind Adrian Peterson, and the ageless Brett Favre. Go with the better team, the Vikings.

Philadelphia Eagles vs.  
New York Giants  
Pick Eagles

Both teams are wildly inconsistent and you can never be sure which one will decide to show up ready to win.

When the teams first met earlier in the season, the Eagles trounced the Giants to a tune of 40-17. I have to go with past performances and pick the Eagles on Sunday night.

Pittsburgh Steelers vs.  
Cleveland Browns  
Pick Steelers

Again, the NFL is showcasing a lackluster Thursday night game. Is there any doubt in anyone's mind that the Steelers will win?

The Browns have lost twelve straight games to the Steelers and, when the teams matched up in week 6, Big Ben scorched the Browns D, passing for more than 400 yards.

Denver Broncos vs.  
Indianapolis Colts  
Pick Broncos

One of the league's top defenses will take on the league's top passer in Peyton Manning and I'm going with the defense to win the battle and pull off the upset.

The Broncos consistently drop eight men in coverage, which will fluster the pass-heavy Colts and force them into mistakes that will cost them the game.

San Diego Chargers vs.  
Dallas Cowboys  
Pick Chargers

After a 2-3 start, the Chargers won seven in a row, playing some of the best football in the NFL, and are making a strong push for a playoff spot in the AFC West.

The Cowboys lead the overrated NFC East and are also making a strong play for playoff contention. Both teams need a win, but the Chargers offense will be too much for the Cowboys D to handle.

## Campus RehabGYM

### New Burlington Location!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

**Maria Thibault, PT, ATC**, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.





## ← last week

**Men's Basketball** 12/01**Vermont 63, Dartmouth 58**Joey Accaoui — 17 points  
(career high)  
Marqus Blakely — 10 points  
12 rebounds**Men's Hockey** 11/30**Vermont 1, Yale (No. 10) 0**Mike Spillane — 26 saves  
David Pacan — 1 goal**Men's Basketball** 11/29**Vermont 82, Toledo 49****Legends Classic at Drexel**  
Marqus Blakely — 15 points, 7  
assists (season-high),  
5 rebounds  
Maurice Joseph — 21 points**Women's Hockey** 11/28**Vermont 3, Dartmouth 4**Dartmouth — 4 goals in the first  
period  
Chelsea Furlani — 1 goal  
Erin Barley-Maloney — 1 goal  
Celeste Doucet — 1 goal**Men's Basketball** 11/28**Vermont 59, Cornell 67****Legends Classic at Drexel**  
Cornell — 5 players in double figures  
Marqus Blakely — 21 points (led all  
scorers) 7 rebounds**Men's Hockey** 11/27**Vermont 3, Northeastern 2**Rob Madore — 28 saves  
Brayden Irwin — 1 goal, team-  
high fifth on the season  
Jack Downing — 1 goal  
David Pacan — 1 goal**Men's Basketball** 11/27**Vermont 61, Drexel 74**Drexel — Jamie Harris — 28  
Marqus Blakely — 18 points (team  
high), 11 rebounds**Women's Basketball** 11/25**Vermont 83, Dartmouth 59**Five Cats in double-figures  
Kendra Seto — 15 points (team-  
high)  
Now 5-1 for the year.**Women's Hockey** 11/25**Vermont 0, Northeastern (No. 7) 1**Northwestern — Wohlfeiler — 1  
goal in second period

## next week →

**Monday** 12/07**Women's Basketball @****Holy Cross**7 p.m. Worcester, Mass.  
Hart Center**Men's Basketball @ Yale**

7 p.m. New Haven, Conn.

**Wednesday** 12/09**Women's Basketball @****Massachusetts**

7 p.m. Amherst, Mass.

**Saturday** 12/12**Men's Hockey vs. St.****Lawrence**7:05 p.m. Gutterson  
Fieldhouse**Sunday** 12/13**Men's Basketball vs.****Quinnipiac (TV: NESN)**

12 p.m. Patrick Gym

**Women's Basketball vs.****Oklahoma State**

4:30 p.m. Patrick Gym



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Freshman Tobias Nilsson-Roos (24) skates around No. 8 UMass' Mike Donnellan (4) in the 6-2 loss on Nov. 24. The team has been up and down all season and is looking to find rhythm as they make their way through the 2009-2020 schedule.

## Cats survive rollercoaster ride

### Men's hockey recorded three wins during the Thanksgiving break, but their two losses derailed their forward momentum

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

It has been a story of ups and downs for the men's hockey team over the last few games.

After splitting a series on the road against Boston College — which included a brutal 7-1 loss the first night and a solid 3-2 victory the second — the team returned to face UMass on Nov. 24, suffering another tough loss with a final score of 6-2.

The upward momentum began to build again when the Cats traveled to Northeastern and defeated the Huskies 3-2, and returned to the Gut to beat the Yale Bulldogs, 1-0.

"We had a tough week of practice," head coach Kevin Sneddon said after the game against Northeastern. "We were pretty tough on our guys after the loss to UMass. We wanted to make sure we got our point across, and they responded well."

The Yale game was a rematch of last year's first-round NCAA tournament game in which the Catamounts were victorious.

Freshman forward David Pacan said that the two consecutive wins have done a lot to bring confidence to the team.

Pacan has done his share to bring back the momentum, scoring the game-winning goal in both of the recent wins

he said. "It's more about us than about other teams right now so we've just got to work from within then work our way out."

details more, not overthinking the play too much," he said. "Everyone's working together and the work ethic's real good at practice."

On the defensive side, the goaltending duties for Vermont continue to be split with the return of senior goalie Mike Spillane from injury.

Sophomore goaltender Rob Madore was in the net for the majority of the games last season.

Both goalies have had good and bad nights over the past week, increasing the team's uncertainty from game to game.

Madore was in goal for the 7-1 BC loss but also for the 3-2 win against Northeastern.

Spillane had a rough patch as well, giving up six goals to UMass, but he recorded the second shutout of his career and season in the contest against Yale last Monday.

Sneddon said that the team is improving overall, but that they need to build from here, continuing to get better.

"Our response from a bad game to the next game has been very good, we want to do it shift to shift now," Sneddon said. "We're not there yet but we're making a lot of positives."

#### Offense

Despite a slew of low-scoring games, senior Brayden Irwin leads the team with five goals and seven assists.

Junior Justin Milo's return has made a huge offensive impact, aided by the strong play of freshmen David Pacan and Chris McCarthy.

**B+**

#### Defense

The defense held off the high-powered offense of Yale and UMass-Lowell. UVM is one of two teams in Hockey East to bring back all six of their starting defensemen from last season.

**A-**

#### Special Teams

The power play and penalty kill are improving for Vermont after being very poor last season. Improvement in this area has added a lot to the team and gives them a better chance to win each game.

**B**

#### Goaltending

Though some teams have been able to score several goals against the UVM goalies, their performances have been more positive than negative, having strong performances against some of the toughest opponents.

**B+**

against Northeastern and Yale.

"We've had sort of an up and down season, so getting two wins is huge for us and I feel we're going to build from this,"

Pacan said that the team's hard work and determination in practice is helping to achieve this goal.

"I think we're working on

## Lady Cats dunked by No. 1 UConn Huskies

### Vermont falls in a Cats against dogs matchup

By John Butler  
Staff Writer

In a rematch of last year's first-round NCAA tournament game, Vermont women's basketball team (4-1) recently recorded their first loss of the season to the top-ranked UConn Huskies, 84-42.

The Huskies dominated the court in the first half, scoring 50 points to Vermont's 18.

The game started off almost

even, as UConn led 5-4 at the first break.

After the Huskies scored 11 unanswered points, the Catamounts could not catch up, and the Huskies carried their momentum to the end.

"We played scared tonight, and they are a strong team," head coach Sharon Dawley said. "We were not moving well without the ball and at times looked as if we were in awe out there."

UConn is the top team in the country, having won 46 consecutive games.

"You are playing a team that

is beating teams by over forty points," Dawley said. "It is scary walking into that to begin with."

The Cats picked it up in the second half, raising their shooting percentage to 34.6 percent, up from 28.6 percent in the first.

Senior guard Courtney Pilypaitis led Vermont with 20 points, nine from beyond the arc, while collecting six rebounds.

"They are all around solid and do not make mistakes," Pilypaitis said about UConn's team. "Anything you force them to do, they excel at."

Before this game, the Cats

were on a roll, recording four wins to start the season.

On Nov. 25, the team defeated Dartmouth by a score of 83-59. Freshman guard Kendra Seto led the Catamounts in the game with 16 points. Pilypaitis picked up nine assists in that game and five steals.

Vermont outrebounded Dartmouth 42-32 as freshman forward Lauren Buschmann led the way with eight. The Catamounts led the first half by seven points but then blew by Dartmouth scoring 53 points in the second half.





**ANDY WARHOL EXHIBIT**  
Exhibit at the Fleming shows more personal side of the famed artist.

11

**STYLE FILES**  
Rock your own style with some tips from the pros.

8

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, January 26, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 15 | Burlington, Vermont



## UVM HELPS HAITI

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Staff Writer

Illuminated by the soft glow of candles, a mass of students, professors and community members huddled together for warmth outside of the Davis Center to unite in support of Haiti.

At Thursday's candlelight vigil to support Haiti, senior Emily Moffitt spoke about being in the Dominican Republic the night of the earthquake.

Moffitt was in the Dominican Republic with a UVM class when the magnitude 7.0 earthquake occurred on Jan. 12.

"Tonight I light a candle, for the hundreds of thousands who are no longer with us because of this natural disaster, and for the families who are feeling so much loss," she said.

All UVM students involved in efforts in the Dominican Republic during the earthquake have been reported to be safe.

Since the earthquake, Haiti has suffered tens of thousands of deaths and destruction beyond what the Haitian government alone can remedy.

UVM, as well as many other

see HAITI on page 3



ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic

[Above] Dozens of UVM students, faculty and staff, and Burlington residents gathered at the Davis Center oval to show support for Haiti victims. [Right] Senior Jem Hughes holds a candle in a vigil for Haiti outside the Davis Center on Thursday evening. The vigil included speakers who had close connections with the earthquake-riddled country.

## Former Middlebury President advocates lowering drinking age

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Staff Writer

You may have seen him on "The Colbert Report," "60 Minutes" or this past Thursday, standing under the lights in Billings North Lounge.

Former President of Middlebury College Dr. John McCardell led a discussion about lowering the drinking age in Vermont from 21 to 18.

McCardell is the founder and president of Choose Responsibility, a nonprofit organization aimed at encouraging discussion about alcohol, American culture and lowering the drinking age.

"Young people drink. People under 21 drink. They are going to get their hands on it. How can we make it safe and responsible?" State Representative Kesha Ram said as she introduced

McCardell.

McCardell began by asking the audience how many of them had consumed alcohol before they turned 21. The majority of the room raised their hands.

"This law is out of staff with the social and cultural realities," he said.

"Seventy-five percent of high school students, 60 percent of sophomores and 40 percent of eighth graders have had alcohol," McCardell said. "You can say a lot about this but you cannot say the 21-year-old drinking age law is working."

This 21-year-old drinking age has caused more problems than it has fixed, he said.

"This law has created a clandestine, goal-oriented, binge-drinking culture," McCardell said.

Director of Student Life Stacey Miller said that the college

drinking culture is the core issue.

"It is just natural when you get away from your parents, you are going to do crazy, zany things," she said. "I think first years are going to do the same thing whether the

**"This law has created a clandestine, goal oriented, binge drinking culture."**

Dr. John McCardell  
Former President of Middlebury

drinking age is changed or not."

More needs to be done to remedy this problem than the

change of one law, she said.

"What are we going to do [as a society] to create a new drinking culture? There needs to be a bigger shift than just this law," Miller said. "What societal infrastructure are we going to create to promote a new culture?"

The current drinking age has caused problems and should be lowered, Steve Coon, the parent of a UVM student, said.

"What is happening is that 18- to 21-year-old students have to find places to go. Instead of taking \$20 to a bar to buy three beers and drinking in a supervised environment, they buy a case, go into a basement and play drinking games," Coon said.

"If you can't drink in a public place, but you are still drinking, what does that leave you with? A dorm? An off-campus apartment? A farm? These are the worst places to learn about and consume

alcohol. It puts life, health and brain at risk," McCardell said.

Sophomore Caroline Fenn does not agree that the entire state's legislation should be changed.

"I think that lowering the age in one area, like Burlington, as sort of a 'tester' would be a good idea," she said. "If the age changes to 18 everywhere, I feel like the amount of accidents caused by alcohol would greatly increase at first, but then go down."

Another student said she is concerned with the effectiveness of changing legislation in just one state.

"I don't think it would work with just Vermont. It would work better if it were national instead of the idea of all the states against one state," she said. "Also, it is more likely that a 15-year-old

see DRINKING on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-3 — OPINION 4-5 — FEATURE 7 — LIFE 8-9 — SPECTACLE 10 — ARTS 11-12 — DISTRACTIONS 13 — SPORTS 14-16

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com



# UVM opens budget conversation to include UVM community

By Jeff Botula  
News Editor

After over a year of balancing deficits, the University has dealt with a variety of campus reactions, including protests, forums and general apathy. This round, the University is changing its approach to budget planning

by inviting the community to participate.

UVM's current deficit for 2011's budget stands at \$4.5 million, a figure brought down from a potential \$9.5 million during the last two months.

The deficit still needs to be reconciled before a preliminary

budget can be presented to the Board of Trustees in April.

"All members of the University community are encouraged to think creatively about the budget for the upcoming fiscal year," Provost Jane Knodell said in an e-mail to UVM students.

Budget difficulties have

been plaguing the University since 2008, when the struggling economy put UVM, among many other colleges, into considerable financial debt. UVM predicts that, after this year, the budget will be balanced.

"Our budget situation is much better than that of many of our peer institutions, and we will have eliminated our deficit by [fiscal year] 2012, thereby enabling us to continue to improve academic quality and to thrive in the future," Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate said on UVM's budget planning website.

With that goal in mind, the administration will be collecting input from the UVM community through the end of January.

Unlike previous years, Knodell said, cuts will not be made with a specific percentage in mind, but rather, strategically.

"The problem in cutting across the board is that you kind of bleed everybody," Knodell said.

As for what can be cut, the goal will be to preserve the lecturers and look at the administrative aspects of the University instead, Knodell said.

One measure that is on the table, is leaving vacant positions unfilled on the non-academic side, Knodell said. These positions include everything outside of lecturers, faculty, and teaching assistants.

"[It is] not necessarily making everyone work harder, but trying to think through the business process so that it takes less time to accomplish work," Knodell said.

UVM's transdisciplinary research initiative, still in the planning stages, will require restructuring in order to support the new research program.

Knodell said that it will not factor very much into the 2011 budget. Instead, reallocation will factor into the following year.

"To do funded research, you need staff that supports you, in terms of helping you put grants together, and then once you get a grant, there's a huge amount of

compliance that goes on, and just a lot of administrative support is required for funded research," Knodell said. "We need to preserve that infrastructure."

Student Government Association (SGA) President Bryce Jones said that the SGA was approached by administration members including Knodell and Cate.

Jones said that the administration stressed the need to approach the budget differently.

Part of the process of getting community input is to include the campus governance groups in the conversation. These groups include the Faculty Senate, Staff Council and the SGA.

"They are keeping us in the loop as far as communication lines," Jones said.

Jones also said that the SGA would like to organize an open forum after UVM's Board of Trustees meet on Feb. 5. The administration has expressed a willingness to help.

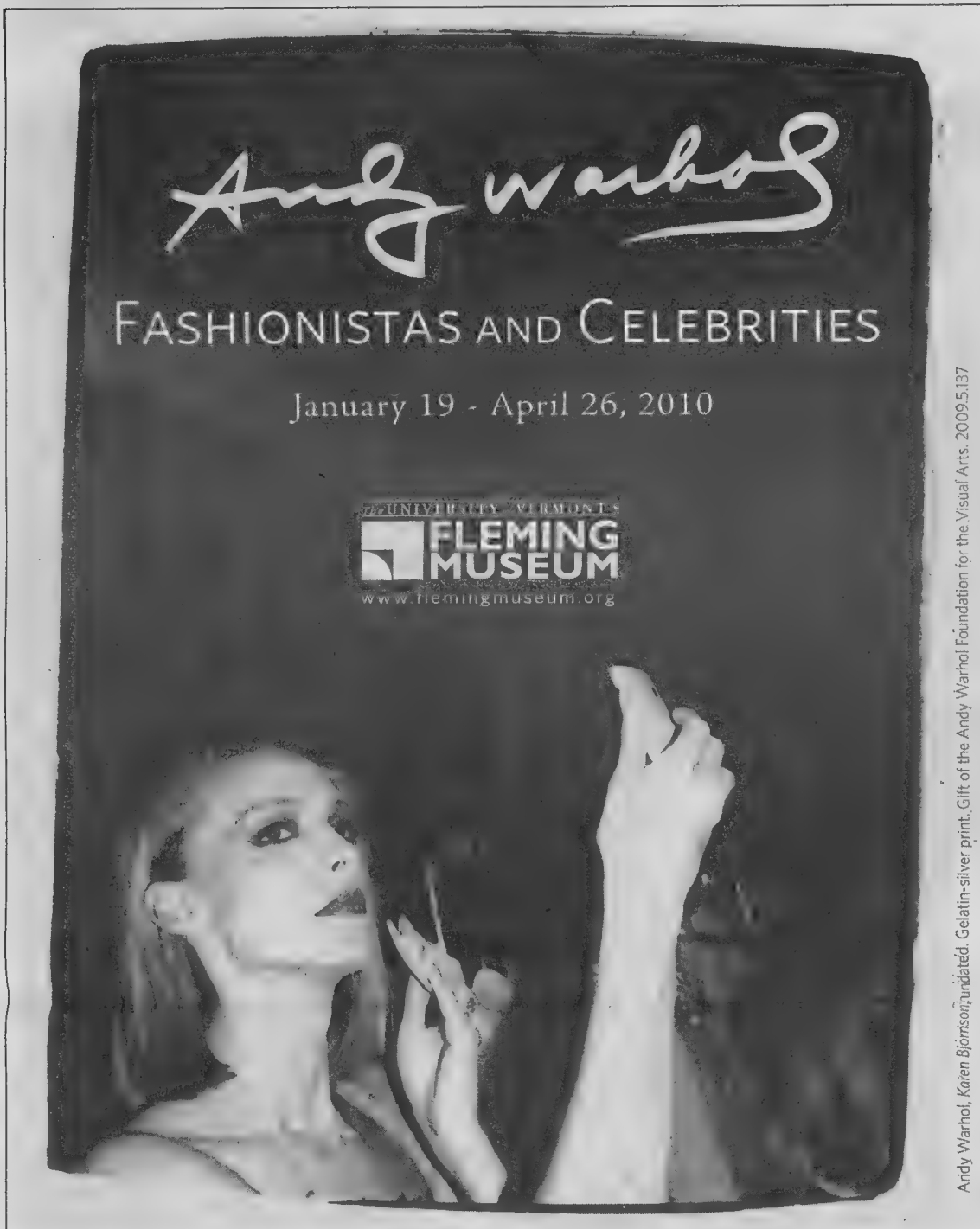
"[After the board meeting], hopefully we'll have more information so people can be previewing the information before," Jones said.

Budget planning, however, often has complexities that are part of a the skillset of those whose careers are built around finance, Jones said. In that sense, the conversation is a difficult one to make contributions to, he said.

"We all need more time to really dig into these topics," he said.

English Professor Nancy Welch said that she thinks the change in tone from the administration is a response to student, staff and faculty activism last spring.

"Students in particular should be applauded for standing up for education, which resulted in the administration standing down on some of the worst of their proposals," she said. "Their change in tone, however, does not necessarily indicate a change in substance."



Andy Warhol. Karen Björnsdóttir. Undated. Gelatin-silver print. Gift of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. 2009.5.137



## DRINKING AGE | Choose Responsibility advocates policy change

...continued from page 1

will know someone who is 18, versus knowing someone who is 21, so younger teens will have more access to alcohol."

McCardell invited the audience to a joint hearing two days later on underage drinking between the House and Senate committees responsible for alcohol policy.

"Vermont is taking a leadership role on this issue," McCardell said. "What laboratory of progression is better than the Green Mountain State?"

States do not want to argue about the drinking age, because any state that lowers the drinking age loses 10 percent of their federal highway funds, McCardell said.

"For Vermont, that 10 percent of federal highway funds adds up to \$17.5 million dollars. It would fall on Vermonters to correct that justice," he said.

McCardell encouraged audience members who agreed with the ideas of Choose Responsibility to sign a petition.

"The state is ready to take this on in a bipartisan way and do what is best for us - but they need to hear from us," McCardell said.



# HAITI: UNIVERSITY RESPONDS TO CRISIS

...continued from page 1

groups worldwide, are taking steps to do their part in providing aid and spreading awareness. Several professors are encouraging Haiti-related aid through their courses, one of which is UVM Professor Dr. Chyi-Li Liang. Liang is encouraging her students to donate the money they make in her Introduction to Community Entrepreneurship course to a Haiti relief fund.

**“It is wonderful and great that the community is fostered around supporting Haiti and what is going on there because in reality, this can happen to anyone of us at any time.”**

**Monique Swaby**  
*Coordinator for Programs and Student Leadership Development at the ALANA Student Center*

“We do accumulate a significant amount of money at the end of the semester which we always donate,” Liang said. “If everyone is willing to we will give it to Red Cross Haiti Rescue Fund.” Student-run campus organizations are also donating to Haiti relief funds.

FeelGood President Rachel Rubenstein said that they will be donating the \$618 in proceeds from Friday sales to a Haiti Relief fund. Freshman Connor Rowntree said he thinks opportunities to support Haiti on campus are limited to donating money. “I haven’t seen any opportunities for us to do anything other than to donate money, that directly benefits them,” Rowntree said. Freshman Natasha Silensky said she believes that while beneficial to Haiti, efforts to donate money to Haiti, and only Haiti, are detracting from numerous organizations’ abilities to help other causes. “By earmarking donations for the crisis in Haiti, [organizations are] lacking the resources to provide for the other areas in the world that maintain a severe need for their services,” Silensky said. Monique Swaby, Coordinator for Programs and Student Leadership Development at the ALANA Student Center, encouraged people who can’t afford to donate any more funds to help by writing and e-mailing senators that request for Temporary Protected Status for Haitian refugees – that Haitian citizens be given temporary citizenship in the United States. Swaby said that, in addition to campus events to raise awareness and aid for Haiti relief, groups such as ALANA are offering support for those students personally affected by the tragedy. “There are actually quite a few people who are linked directly to Haiti,” Swaby said. “One student does not know where some of her family is yet.” The ALANA Student Center

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Haiti won its independence from France on Jan. 1, 1804.

The population of Haiti is nearly 10 million people.

Haiti is smaller than Maryland.

## Haiti history facts



80 percent of the population is below the poverty line.

The capital of Haiti is Port-au-Prince.

Haiti has no standards for construction or building codes.

The 7.0 earthquake struck on Jan. 12 at 4:53 p.m.

is there to help support students, console them and help them to collaborate and build their ideas, Swaby said. “It is wonderful and great that the community is fostered around supporting Haiti and what is going on there because, in reality, this can happen to anyone of us and at any time,” Swaby said. “It shows the human spirit that we are all doing this together,” she said. “It is great to have this momentum now, but it needs to be sustained. Haiti will need help in the long run.” Stacey Miller, director of Residential Life, said that it is important to realize Haiti’s problems go far deeper than this earthquake and that support will have to go further as well. “My greatest hope is that all people begin to support that country differently and provide

the resources it needs to become a great country,” Miller said. Swaby said she shares a similar concern. “The news isn’t really talking about the political and social context of Haiti, they are just talking about the current crisis,” Swaby said. “The whole situation is incredibly tragic. Haiti is an island that has been struggling for many decades and when it rains it pours. It is one of those situations where you can’t believe a place already struggling so much has had something so devastating compound their already difficult situation,” Miller said. “I hope students and folks in this country recognize and realize how privileged they are and used this opportunity to reflect on how they can make a more positive difference.”

## Upcoming events at UVM to benefit Haiti

- [January 28] The International Socialist Organization is sponsoring a community forum and fundraiser in Lafayette Hall Room 207 at 7 p.m.
- [January 30] 2012 Class Council and the Catholic Student Association are hosting a benefit concert, “Coffeehouse for Change: Haiti” at Brennans from 8-10 p.m. Admission is free and donations are requested.

## Ways you can help the relief effort

Red Cross | <http://american.redcross.org/supporthaiti>  
Partners in Health (PIH) | <http://www.pih.org/home.html>

### Organizations connected with Vermont that are working in Haiti

- Vermont Haiti Project | <http://www.vermonthaitiproject.org>
- Pure Water for the World | <http://purewaterfortheworld.org>
- Hospital Albert Schweitzer Haiti | <http://www.hashaiti.org>
- Small Dog Electronics will match donations of up to \$200 per individual to Doctors without Borders.

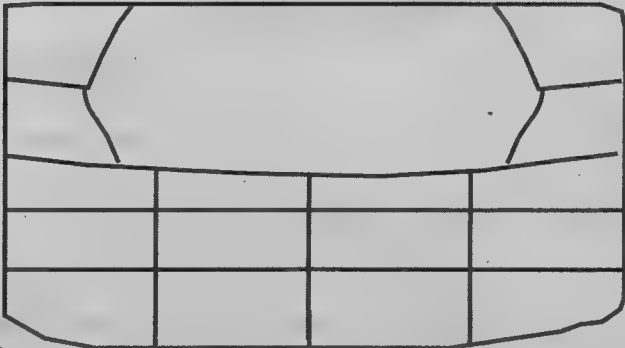
Go to <http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti> for a more complete list of agencies accepting donations.

### UVM has instituted a UVM Haiti Relief Fund

There are several locations on campus to drop off donations including the Davis Center information desks, the Waterman Building information desk, UVM Bookstore, Bailey Howe Library information desk and the Dana Medical Library.

Donations can be made payable to UVM Haiti Relief Fund Grasse Mount 411 Main Street.

- Text **HAITI** to **90999** to donate \$10 to the American Red Cross
- Text **HAITI** to **25383** to donate \$5 to International Rescue Committee
- Text **HAITI** to **85944** to donate to Rescue Union Mission and MedCorp International
- Text **YELE** to **501501** to donate \$5 to Yele Foundation, founded by Wyclef Jean
- Text **HAITI** to **20222** to donate \$10 through the Clinton Foundation
- Text **HAITI** to **864833** to donate \$5 to The United Way
- Text **DISASTER** to **90999** to donate \$10 to Compassion International





## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor

Joanna Benjamin  
jcbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopal@uvm.edu

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Kneee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott, Ally Perleoni, Stephanie Corcoran

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Relief: it is more than just a feeling

Buildings and homes aren't the only things that were destroyed in Haiti.

Thousands of people are dead, injured or missing, tearing families and communities apart.

With that in mind, we at UVM must continue to give support to our devastated neighbors.

Many of us work hard to make sure that we have enough money to get through college, pay off loans and save for the future, but even those of us on the tightest budgets can spare \$5 to donate.

Moreover, with donation locations right here on campus and many organizations using the Internet and texting to make donations, it has never been easier to make a contribution.

We live in a global economy and community. We cannot ignore the problems of other countries, as their problems are our own and affect us on both an emotional and economic level.

Which brings us to the bigger picture.

Haiti has been ravaged by poverty, political violence and instability for decades — they needed our help long before this earthquake.

What Haiti needs, along with many other impoverished countries around the world, is help building a solid infrastructure and economy, now more than ever.

It is our responsibility to realize that devastation and poverty exist all over the world, even when no media attention is given to it.

*The Cynic* is not calling for more government aid or taxes that will be lost in bureaucracy and partisan politics.

Rather, we encourage college students to be globally minded as we pursue our education and career goals.

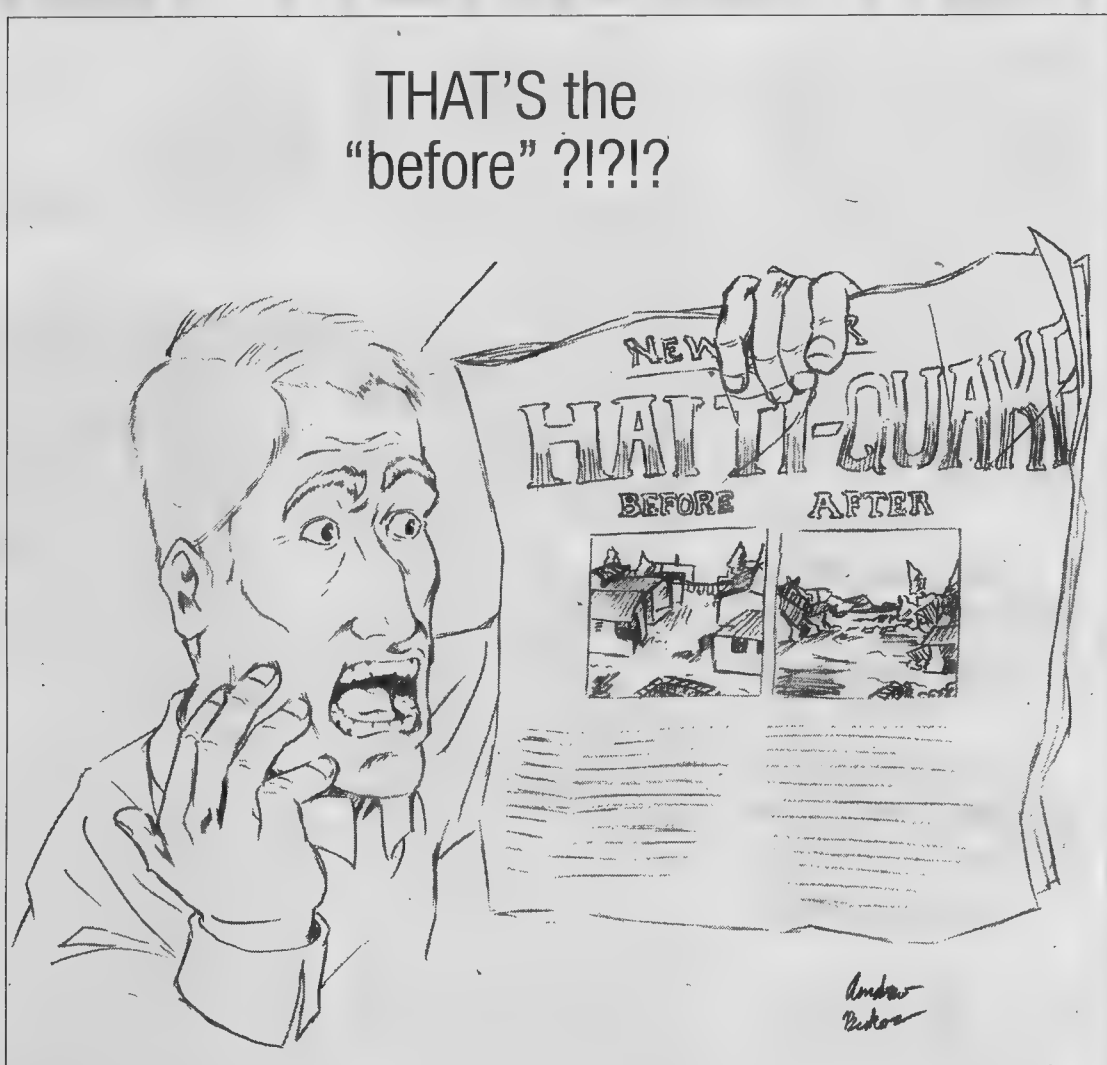
There are many opportunities to do service projects abroad, and you can always donate — even if there isn't an earthquake.

As we graduate and enter the work force, it is us, the educated thinkers and entrepreneurs, that are going to shape the face and personality of the United States.

We have the choice to exploit the third world or to nurture it.

We should put our ideals and awareness into practice and create businesses that keep the global community in mind.

Though it is often only the largest international events that make the news around the world, it should not take an earthquake to make us realize that we can make a difference.



## COLUMNISTS



MAX KRIEGER

## Students elect to ignore voting

Despite being the most politically opinionated and outspoken group in the United States, not all college students or young people participate in the most effective and easiest political statement of all: voting.

However, students will gladly fight and protest to advance any lofty political goal they show the slightest interest in.

I have seen large groups of students spending hours volunteering, making T-shirts and hawking their political views in order to somehow affect the world around them.

Ironically, more than 50 percent of all eligible voters ages 18-29 do not vote at all,

according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

Because college students lead such busy lives, they often overlook all but the presidential elections.

Recently, Massachusetts held an election for a senator to replace the late Ted Kennedy — this was perhaps the most important Senate election in history.

If the Democrats had won, they would have secured the ability to stop a Republican filibuster of the health care bill.

On the other hand, the Republicans can now stop the health care bill in its tracks.

## Because college students lead such busy lives, they often overlook all but presidential elections.

Republican representative Connie Mack of Florida said that the Republican victory “proves that the American people reject a government takeover of health care and oppose higher taxes, more spending and bigger

government.”

All this tells me is that the American youth were too lazy to pull a lever or punch a ballot.

Sadly, only 15 percent of youth voters ages 18-29 participated in the election, according to [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com).

If this election shows anything, it is that each election, no matter how seemingly insignificant, may have extreme consequences.

I have not met a single student at UVM who voted in their home election in Massachusetts, and the results may serve as a huge road block on the way to universal health care.

It is no excuse if you go to school out of state because you may sign up for an absentee ballot.

Ultimately, all of the protesting and political commentary in the world will not make much difference if no one votes to make change.

So the next time a college student tries to display their superior knowledge and interest in politics, ask them if they voted in their state elections.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

## “I FEEL LIKE MY DAYS WOULD BE BORING WITHOUT IT.”

— Francisco Sepulveda, a 14-year-old eighth grader from the Bronx who uses his smart phone to surf the Web.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

ADVERTISING  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# I'll fly again when I grow wings



MICHAEL FARLEY

I don't fly.

Why? Because planes are known to crash and, honestly, I don't trust the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) because everyone screws off at their job. That's why.

Over the break, I chose to endure a 24-hour long bus ride to the bowels of the Dirty South instead of a quick and semi-painless three-hour flight.

So there I was, somewhere in Virginia, when someone asked me why I chose to bus it rather than fly.

No sooner could I get the words out of my mouth when news of an American Airlines flight skidding off the runway came on.

A few days later, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab tried to blow up the flight he was on with a bomb tucked in his underpants.

This time last year, a flight crash-landed in the Hudson.

Then there were the pilots who forgot to land the plane because they were playing on their laptops.

Ring any bells?

And I won't even begin to get into how I've just started to watch "Lost."

Really, my biggest beef with the airlines is the feeling that the TSA, and pilots in general, are slowly becoming as competent as a squirrel running a bucket loader.

Chew on this: Supposedly,

**With all the hype about airport security over the last decade you'd think by now we'd be safe**

this Abdulmutallab character had a rap sheet before he ever got onto that flight, and he still made it on.

A few weeks ago a love-smitten man followed his girlfriend past a security checkpoint because a TSA agent had left their post.

Obviously this guy didn't do anything as catastrophic as try to blow up a plane with an underwear bomb, he was just living out a John Cusack, follow-my-girlfriend-to-her-terminal fantasy of his.

But what if he had a bomb? Who would have been to blame for that one?

The American government, with all their omnipotence, or the half-wit who wasn't doing their job?

Take those pilots updating their Facebook statuses rather than flying the plane as another example of why I don't fly.

It's the sheer lack of them doing their jobs that scares me.

Sure, the bus or car I'm in may crash. The boat I sail on may sink.

However, I could, theoretically, walk and/or swim away from such accidents.

Your plane crashes and you're screwed, buddy!

With all the hype about airport security over the last decade you'd think by now we'd be safe.

We're not. Not if a loverboy and someone with an underwear bomb can get past security without the blink of an eye.

No, I don't think I'll fly until the airline industry can at least establish some sort of credibility with their employees.

Either that or I'll wait until I grow wings.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## A peace we can believe in

Scour your memory and think back to an older decade.

It was December 2009 and President Barack Obama — in a beautiful little nugget of irony — was accepting the Nobel Peace Prize shortly after escalating the war in Afghanistan.

Yes, it was a simpler time.

Anyway, in his uncomfortable position, Obama tried to give an acceptance speech that struck a balance between reality and the spirit of the award.

For the more committed anti-war types, it was an unfortunate and explicit endorsement of a more hawkish foreign policy.

Even more disturbing, I think, were the responses of a few notable conservatives to a particular part of the speech.

Their views were extremely pessimistic — and hopefully no one actually thinks like them.

The passage in question was Obama's advice that, "We must begin by acknowledging the hard truth: We will not eradicate violent conflict in our lifetimes."

Harmless enough it would seem — it's even got a decidedly conservative bend.

But the loveable ex-rep to the United Nations, John Bolton, had some qualms.

"He says we have to acknowledge the hard truth that we will not eradicate violent conflict in our lifetimes. Well, no kidding. You know, homo sapiens are hardwired for violent conflict," Bolton said.

"The whole notion you could even think about eliminating it, not just in our lifetime but soon thereafter, I think reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of human nature."

As for being hardwired for violent conflict, well, Bolton can speak for himself.

Columnist George Will also took issue pejoratively calling the same phrase "delayed utopianism."

It's disturbing to hear conservatives talk this way.

For years we've heard that war can be a prerequisite for peace. Now it turns out that peace isn't actually in the agenda.

And while I hate to disagree with their daringly cynical opinions, Bolton and Will's views are not just harmful — they're wrong.

It's important that people know and don't buy in to the inevitable-war thesis.

First of all, think of Europe. Anyone with a little background in European history knows they

were a pretty warlike bunch.

When you've had something called the Hundred Years' War and you're rounding down, well then you know you've got a problem.

But that's what's miraculous: after years of being at each other's throats, Western Europe has reached a point where war is not only unlikely, it's inconceivable.

Economic integration and the broad acceptance of liberal-democracy have worked wonders there. It's hardly utopian to think the same can work elsewhere.

Strangely, even Obama, in the same speech, was unduly pessimistic.

He spoke of rising sectarian violence and painted a pretty grim picture of the 21st century.

Here's the problem: according to the Human Security Brief, the number of intrastate conflicts — civil wars, sectarian conflicts, etc. — has actually fallen in recent years.

As for interstate wars — this past decade saw the fewest since World War II.

Maybe even more importantly, the number of battle deaths in both types has plummeted in the past few years.

I suspect Bolton and Will's less-than-chipper personalities account for their unnecessary pessimism. Still, there's something legitimately dangerous about their outlook.

Typically, we don't attempt what we believe is impossible.

People who believe that ending war is impossible generally don't try hard to do it.

Their cynicism reminds me of Samuel Huntington — the late Harvard political scientist who wrote the landmark book "Clash of Civilizations" and tried to deflate post-Cold War optimism.

Some of his work looks remarkably foresighted. Other parts, less so.

To illustrate the Huntington future, he proposed a hypothetical situation for the year — you guessed it — 2010.

He laid out a scenario where the U.S. gets into a violent skirmish with the now fanatically nationalistic Chinese.

Then, the conflict spreads across the entire Eurasian landmass and the world caves in under renewed cultural differences.

Sounds like the Mayan Calendar 2.0, huh?

Well I wouldn't wait for it. Fifteen years after he released his book, World War III still seems incredibly unlikely.

In fact it's just about as likely as the Mayan-predicted apocalypse.

For whatever reason, Bolton and Will cling to their pessimistic, angry-cavemen predictions.

But "utopian" or not, the chances for peace are not slim at all and, as long as people realize that, it's possible.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### It can happen here

Dear Editor,

As many people know, I'm running to represent Vermont in the United States Senate.

The vote in Massachusetts is being labeled as "the Scott heard round the world," and rightly so.

Scott Brown's upset in one of the bluest of the blue states shook the pundits who had written this race off only a short month ago.

Brown's victory in the Bay State was an incredible triumph — not a wild, one-off anomaly.

It shouldn't have happened, they say, and it was versus a party machine.

Conventional logic says that a 36 percent underdog can't come back and win in 60 days by a 5 percent margin, yet he did, with a groundswell of independent and Democratic voters gravitating to his common-sense message.

This continues to be Washington's fundamental problem — not listening and responding to the will of the people.

I'm amid my "Citizen Legislator Listening Tour" of Vermont, where I hear the same hunger for change, desire for less government and a return to fiscal responsibility that propelled senator-elect Brown to an unbelievable victory and the Senate seat held by Ted Kennedy for 47 years.

It's not really about

Democrats versus Republicans, though.

It's about people wanting a responsive and responsible government that is less intrusive, not more so.

Health care continues to be an albatross around the Democrats' necks, which could have ended had they listened to voters during the summer recess town hall meetings as they turned a deaf ear to the will of the people.

Sure, I hear frustration in my town hall meetings and diner drop-bys.

There's outrage over the depth of the economic hole Congress and the megabanks have dug for us and the eye-popping price of the so-called solutions.

But the voters I meet also crave a new vision — a new way of doing things.

They know we can't go on like this.

My vision for Vermont is simple.

I want you to have a job. I want your kids to be able to stay here when they grow up, and work and buy a home in their native state.

I see a Vermont where we create business opportunity as we steward our natural resources. I see a Vermont that is a beacon for entrepreneurs.

I want you to have a representative in Washington who knows firsthand what you're going through.

I've run a business, met a

payroll, paid the heating bills and bickered with banks over credit — just like you.

I don't like debt and I'm suspicious of big, sprawling government-engineered solutions to chronic problems, from the cost of health care — which the current reform bill does nothing to control — to job creation.

I think that puts me in tune with most Vermonters.

As our problems deepen, the people I meet are far more interested in practical, common-sense solutions than ideological rhetoric; more interested in energetic, respectful, productive government than hurling interparty insults.

Brown, a Republican, spoke movingly in his victory speech of Kennedy's legacy; we need more of that kind of civility.

Brown's victory confirmed everything I hear from Vermonters from Bennington to St. Johnsbury.

He's a citizen legislator who's out to crack the insular Washington culture and fix this country without bankrupting our children and grandchildren.

That's what people want. It's as simple as that.

What happened in Massachusetts in January can happen in Vermont in November.

Sincerely,  
Lee Britton  
Vermont's Republican candidate for United States' Senate



# CALENDAR

tues.26: soledad o'brien

**4.00pm, ira allen chapel**

weds.27: religious pluralism dialogue

**12.15pm, maple ballroom (dc)**

thur.28: jeremy harple concert

**noon, brennan's (dc)**

fri.29: dc delirium!

**10.00pm, entire davis center**

sat.30: coffeehouse for change: haiti

**8.00pm, brennan's (dc)**

sat.30: winterball

**9.00pm, hilton, tkts \$7 at door**

**uvm.edu/bored**



By Katie Ida



# FROM LEARNER TO LAB RAT

Increasing number of UVM students are motivated to participate in research studies

Scattered across bulletin boards around campus, fluorescent fliers advertise studies that vary from sex and music to smoking habits to neurological disorders.

In the basement of the Davis Center, nine multi-colored fliers adorn a single bulletin board.

In the Davis Center tunnel, "Need Help Kicking the Habit?" "OPIATES" and "Want to Quit Smoking," shout out from behind the glass window boxes.

These fliers, and their sometimes large monetary compensations advertised, catch the eyes of many students.

Although most of the University population does a fair amount of studying, some students are swapping sides to let researchers in the psychology department and medical school study them.

In his letter to the UVM community "The Road to Excellence — Advancing Academic Distinction at UVM," University President Daniel Mark Fogel stated that the Transdisciplinary Research Initiative will help to develop many new opportunities for students to participate in both graduate and undergraduate research.

Yet this initiative isn't clear as to whether or not opportunities will be for students as researchers or as test subjects.

Dr. Sally Nolan, Research Communications Specialist for the Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit at the University, estimated that 15 to 20 percent of their participants in research studies are students.

Studies on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) see particularly large numbers of student participants, she said.

In the psychology department, student participation in studies varies from subject to subject. While the majority of studies use students as the largest percentage of their subjects, others use them in less than five percent, psychology professor Alessandra Rellini said.

Ads for research studies are littered across campus, printed in eye-catching colors with compensation amounts listed in bold lettering,

sophomore Alex Haller said.

"One ad offered up to \$650 for participants for 15 days of consecutive testing," he said.

Nolan said that some students are motivated by their interest in the science, some by the money and some by the diagnoses of the diseases or disorders being researched.

"I didn't care what they were researching, what the conditions of the study were or what I had to do, all I wanted was some cash in return for being a lab rat," Haller said.

For others, like the participants in Rellini's studies on women's sexuality, however, the motivation for participating in a study is more personal.

sources for quick cash or extra credit.

She would not be researching as her career if it was not important, Nolan said.

To Haller, however, this abundant use of students as test subjects seems like aligning students with lab rats, he said.

Though research is monitored by the Institutional Review Board, there are still dangers surrounding studies conducted on human subjects.

In 1996, University of Rochester student Nicole Wan died suddenly from an overdose of the anesthetic lidocaine, which was administered during a clinical study funded by

Raymond said that participating is more worthwhile than not, having only had a positive experience with the studies conducted by the psychology department.

Raymond also stands on the researcher's side of psychological studies at the University.

Although she mostly works with rat models, "its incredibly helpful to get people into labs, you're really helping answer some very interesting questions being asked in science," she said.

In some cases, however, the benefit does not come without some tough work on behalf of the participants.

"Some studies are difficult, we ask difficult questions," Rellini said. "For some people it isn't an easy thing."

Rellini said that the studies she does on abuse survivors are especially hard, but that she will soon be conducting a study that involves therapy as part of the process, which can be extremely beneficial to participants.

A flier for a study about the experience of sexual abuse in adolescent females currently being conducted by the department of nursing asks for female college freshmen and sophomores to participate.

The flier states that the study includes a one-hour, face-to-face interview about experiences with sexual abuse.

"I think that people who are involved in research studies are able to learn something about themselves," Nolan said.

All of the studies are monitored by the Committees on Human Research and the Research Protections Office at the University. Additionally, they are reviewed by the Institutional Review Board, according to the Research Protections Office.

*"I didn't care what they were researching, what the conditions of the study were or what I had to do, all I wanted was some cash in return for being a lab rat."*

Sophomore Alex Haller

"Sexual abuse survivors ... they really want to find answers," Rellini said. "They are coming in because they hope that, by coming into the studies, they can find information that can help themselves."

The psychology department will sometimes offer students extra credit for participating in research studies, some of which are conducted by students as research projects or for a thesis, Rellini said.

While researchers at UVM can certainly benefit from students' financial or grade-related motivations, many feel that students shouldn't think of their studies as

MIT. The drug was administered as part of study on pollution, according to *The Tech*, MIT's newspaper.

Wan's case is a rare exception to the many successfully done studies. In fact, many of the studies, while beneficial to furthering science, can also be beneficial to the participants, according to Rellini.

"The idea behind it is that they are going to learn what it is like to be on the other side," Rellini said.

"We hope, specifically for students in psychology, that they will get a more holistic view of what it is like to be in a research project."

Research studies provide the opportunity for students to both participate in the research process and to help to advance beneficial treatments or therapies for disorders and diseases.

Junior psychology major Brittany



# One pepper without the spice

The Old North End's One Pepper Grill offers American and Mexican fusion

By Elizabeth Bruner  
Staff Writer

Tucked within the bars and pizza joints of the Old North End, One Pepper Grill stands out as an affordable option for those questing for an abundant variety of late-night grub.

One Pepper Grill has a colorful and open dining room, with oversized white pendant lamps, which hang from the ceiling, bare wood tables that complement the sage green walls, and two flat screen TVs that decorate the bar.

However pleasant this picture seems, the ambiance of One Pepper Grill is a bit awkward.

The restaurant bills itself as a lounge, but the one couch and too-bright lights made it seem more like a lunch-style cafeteria than a place to hang out on a Friday night.

Despite the Grill's ability to evoke fond memories of middle school lunch, the service was friendly and relaxed, and the staff was eager to accommodate.

Overall, the cuisine is an American and Mexican fusion, featuring a menu with burgers, tacos, quesadillas, salads, beer and wine.

The vegetable quesadilla appetizer was good — cheesy, cooked well and only \$4.

However, the fish tacos were not grilled well at all.

The taco wound up as an impossible-to-eat, soggy burrito shell filled with a bland mishmash of lettuce, cheese and tilapia.

Luckily, the garden burger was tasty and the fries were crispy with just enough Cajun spice on them to keep things interesting.

The dishes come with tortilla chips and a basic tomato and onion salsa — neither of which were overly impressive — but

the prices are reasonable and appropriate.

For about \$7-8 an entrée and \$3-6 for an appetizer, One Pepper is a place that college students can easily entertain as a casual dinner option.

Since opening in September

on the corner of North Street and North Winooski Avenue, One Pepper Grill has yet to find that time-worn sense of experience and know-how.

They'll get there, but for now, give it some time.

One Pepper Grill

260 North St. (corner  
of North St and North  
Winooski Ave)  
Burlington

(802) 578-7646



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Former UVM student and owner of One Pepper Grill Max Saltis talks with an employee about bartending. One Pepper Grill was opened in September, taking over the old Ethic Cafe's space.

# The CelticCat's finally out of the bag

New Irish dance club becomes a reality for the UVM campus community

By Henry Bond  
Staff Writer

If hip-hop and salsa aren't your type of groove, a new type of move is coming to campus.

This past fall semester, club president Zack Warshaw—an Irish dancing world-level competitor — has been working with the Student Government Association (SGA) to prepare the CelticCats, UVM's new Irish dancing club, for its official premiere this semester.

"CelticCats will be the first Irish dance group on campus," Claire Chevrier, chair for the SGA Student Activities Committee, said.

"They will be providing students, likely for the first time, the opportunity to receive introductory to intermediate instruction."

The club's supervisor, David Warshaw — who also happens to be Zack's father — has high

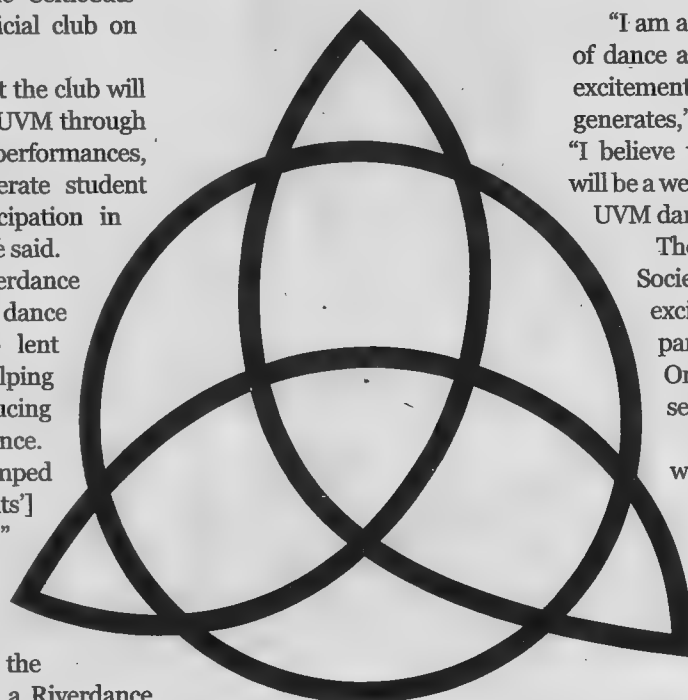
expectations for the CelticCats' presence as an official club on campus.

"My hope is that the club will have a presence at UVM through their high-energy performances, which should generate student interest and participation in this dance form," he said.

Luckily, the Riverdance — a popular Irish dance show — has also lent the CelticCats a helping hand by introducing students to Irish dance.

"I am super pumped to see [CelticCats'] first performance," sophomore Andrew Schlesinger said. "I recently had the opportunity to see a Riverdance show."

Countless young Irish dance participants get started because of their interest in Riverdance, Zack Warshaw said.



scene.

"I am amazed at the diversity of dance at UVM and given the excitement that Irish Step dance generates," David Warshaw said. "I believe that Irish Step dance will be a welcomed addition to the UVM dance scene."

The Salsa and Swing Society (SASS) was excited about CelticCats' participation in the Orchesis dance show last semester.

"They did really well," SASS Treasurer Eliza Arsenault said. "It was awesome to have a new dance group with us, and everyone really liked their performance."

"They seemed to attract a lot of interest from people who had not performed before," she said.

Freshman and CelticCats co-president Megan Ryan also

shares this optimism.

"I don't think it will be too difficult to attract student interest because we already got more student interest than we anticipated right off the bat," she said.

Zack Warshaw and Ryan have already managed to find nine other students with previous dance experience.

Club practice will take place for two hours once per week, with one hour devoted to the more experienced dancers and the other to beginners, Zack Warshaw said.

Although Irish dancing is a challenge, experienced team members said students should not be intimidated.

"The club is very open and inclusive, and would be enjoyable for anyone who's willing to give it a chance," Zack Warshaw said.

Look for the first official performance of the CelticCats around St. Patrick's Day.



# Style Files

With the Style Files, starting off the new decade with a fresh look is easy. To start 2010 off right, we've decided to share a few tips taken from our own little fashion black books. Since everyone's style is different, we're offering our personalized perspectives to help you start your own style rules of thumb.

## The stylists' scoop



**Katie**

**Tidbit of advice:** Screw matching! It's too difficult, so stop trying. There are very few color combinations that truly look ugly. Just throw it on!

**Favorite designer:** Marc Jacobs never ceases to impress me. I dream of purchasing a pair of his Backward Heels some day.

**Style philosophy:** Stop being scared! Wear your clothes with confidence, knowing that they flatter your figure. So many times, people tell me, "I wish I were brave enough to wear that." If you're brave enough to ski down a huge mountain, I have faith that you can survive a new look.

**Favorite shop spots:** While Forever 21 will always hold a special place in my heart, Zara has become a new favorite. Originating in Spain, Zara now has shops located in just about every country imaginable. It always offers clothes reflecting the most recent trends, no matter how quirky, and it's sure to win you over as it did for me.

**Fashion favorite:** You can never have enough peep-toe pumps.

### KATIE GIOIA & CINDY AMOAKO



**Cindy**

**Tidbit of advice:** Don't be so caught up in being different that you shun what's popping in the stores right now. It's popular for a reason! I do, however, want to caution against becoming entrenched in trends and subsequently forgetting classic styles -- classic never gets old.

**Favorite brand:** It's all about Topshop! -- UK-based chain store that has all kinds of innovative, funky designs from jewelry to dresses to leather jackets and beyond. It is a true stylist's dream!

**Style philosophy:** Find what works for you. Not everyone is meant to be an Abercrombie devotee or a Gucci advertisement -- there is a ton of room in between. It's all about being comfortable in your skin. Don't take yourself too seriously -- go ahead and rock that Lady Gaga-esque bow on your head!

**Favorite shop spots:** I'm a poor college student, so price is very important to me. I have learned to be flexible and will shop anywhere. In Burlington, Charlotte Russe is a favorite, as well as Old Navy. I do a lot of online shopping as well. Karmaloop.com and Lulus.com are my cyber secrets.

**Fashion favorite:** Unexpected dashes of color are a great solution when you feel that you need a bit of an outfit boost. Bright heels or a colorful scarf are cool options for colorful add-ons.

As we always say at Style Files, it's important to spend time finding your own style. Try to find people whose style you admire and figure out what it is about their style that you like, then run with it at your own speed. Between that and reading our column, you will be all set for 2010!

## Campus REHAB GYM

### New Burlington Location!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

**Maria Thibault, PT, ATC**, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.

*nightier than the sword*

## dinner date

**two burritos for \$9 after 5pm everyday\***

**boloco**

92 church street, burlington  
order online at [boloco.com](http://boloco.com)

\*regular-sized burritos, tax not included.

# GTO

Gentlemen's Top Option

### Come experience Burlington's finest hair salon for men... at a discount!

- New clients only please... present this coupon to receive your first 4 haircuts at GTO for only \$20 each.
- Existing clients, please show your student ID to receive \$2 off your haircut.
- Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9am to 7pm and Saturdays, 9am to 4pm, FREE Parking

**863-3969**

26 Lake Street  
On the Burlington Waterfront

[www.gtovt.com](http://www.gtovt.com)

## THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

### It's 10 p.m., do you know where your pizza is?

After spending winter break in Burlington, I have a new respect for the men and women that get in their cars and drive through blizzards for a living.

I'm not talking about plow operators -- they just throw sand around that makes my white paint look ugly.

No, I'm talking about the pizza delivery industry.

While we're all at home playing Xbox, these people are out bringing us the fuel we need to carry on without us having to leave the house.

Maybe it's not quite "Ice Road Truckers," but racing around icy Burlington streets with precious pizza is a formidable charge for our delivery boys and girls.

While Burlington's remaining pizza purveyors don't have their own cars, I have noticed a common trend: most pizza in Burlington is delivered in some pretty flashy wheels.

Order from Domino's and you get uniformed service rolling up in a logo-emblazoned Toyota Yaris.

They may be the "delivery experts," but I still think their Cinna Sticks taste like their breadsticks, their breadsticks taste like their pizza and their pizza tastes like cardboard.

Papa John's is trying to keep up with a dorky little car and an online ordering service.

I'm holding out for Papa John himself in the yellow Camaro -- you know, like the commercial.

Faced with some extreme driving, Burlington pizza companies have stepped up to bat with some classy vehicles.

Either people are tipping really well or pizza delivery attracts those who want a chance to get some hard use out of their winter-ready whips.

Can't say I blame them -- the first job I had after I turned 16 was delivering pizzas in my modified Honda.

For those of us who like to drive, there is something fun about driving around with a sense of urgency. I liked delivering pizzas a lot.

I would pretend I was on a time-trial run getting to the houses and, when my friends ordered, I would swipe a few slices on the way.

Unfortunately, my delivery career was cut short when my friend and I wrecked the car I used.

So next time your pizza man brings you a warm greasy box while saving you the trouble of navigating the weather, be thankful and tip well -- those Audis burn premium fuel.



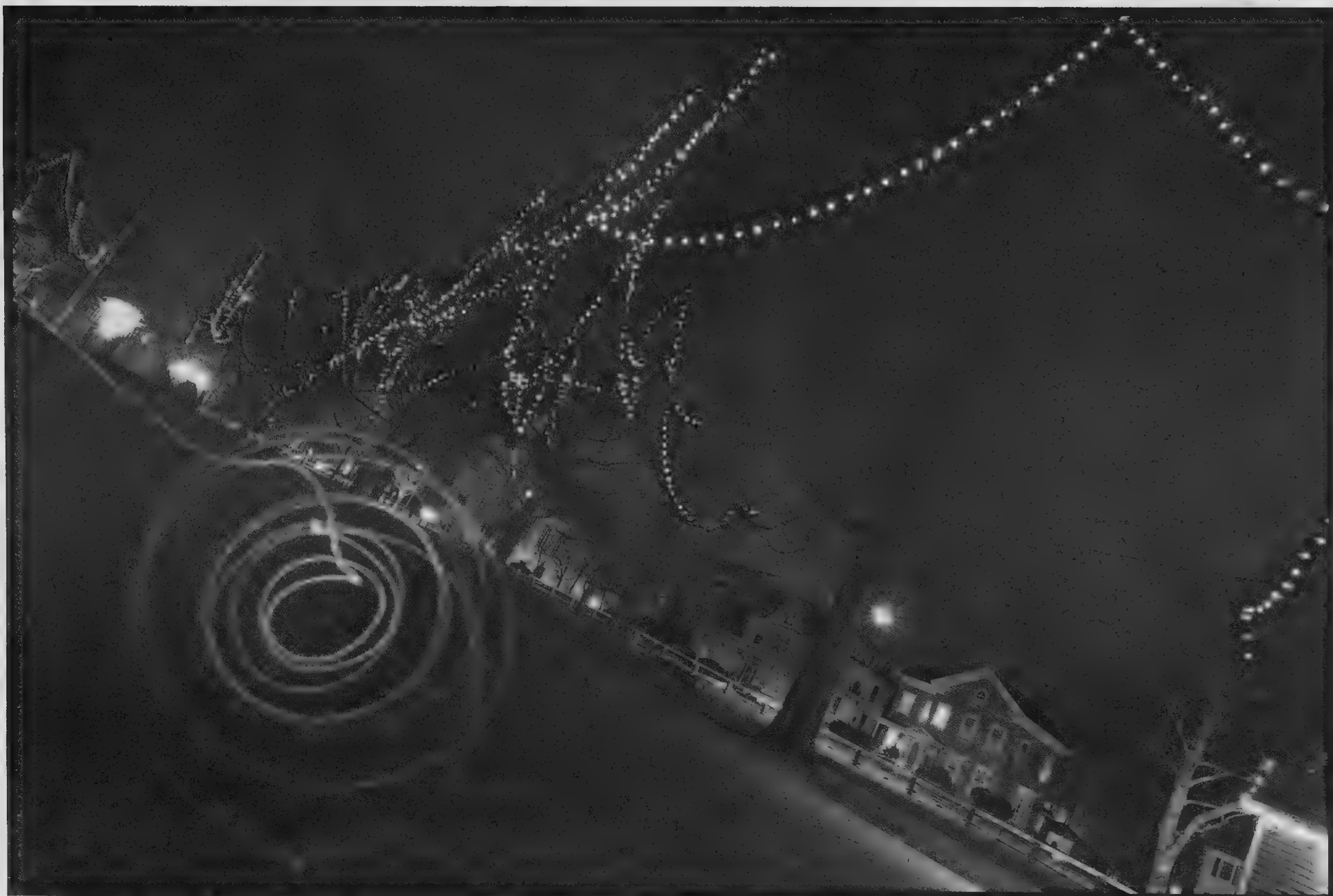


ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic  
Minneapolis.

# joy burlington



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic  
Ski Sundown, Conn.



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic  
Wakefield, Mass.



# Showing off Pop Art's quiet side

## Andy Warhol exhibit shows viewers different side of the famous artist

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

You don't have to go to the Museum of Modern Art in New York to see an Andy Warhol — you can just walk across campus to the Fleming Museum.

With the popularity of his Marilyn Monroe portrait and Campbell screen prints, most people associate Andy Warhol with bright colors and pop culture.

"The Andy Warhol: Fashionistas and Celebrities" exhibit at the Fleming takes a more intimate look at Warhol's work, revealing his lesser-known prints.

Consisting mostly of work received by a gift from the Andy Warhol Foundation, the exhibit showcases a number of the polaroids that Warhol used as sketches for his screen prints, in addition to a few other pieces.

"When people think of Warhol, they often think of him as flashy — these polaroids and prints are really rare," Fleming Museum Curator Aimee Marcereau De Galan said. "It's a really rare opportunity to see the screen prints before they happen."

A set of polaroids of an

unidentified woman is displayed with the resulting screen print.

There are notable differences between the photos and the finished print, with the woman looking younger in the print after Warhol worked on the image.

He makes the people look a lot better, De Galan said.

Many of the people depicted in the photos, including both celebrities and regular people, commissioned Warhol for these portraits.

The exhibit examines identity, as played with and constructed by Warhol, through his art.

"One of the undercurrents [of the exhibit] is transformation — transformation and identity," De Galan said. "He could make anyone a celebrity instantly."

Yet although the exhibit displays the transformative ability of Warhol's work, it focuses on the process of the transformation rather than the finished image.

The simple polaroids of his subjects show a different aspect of Warhol's work than most people would expect.

"I didn't know that he had done all this," junior Allison Lindhurst said.

By focusing on the portraits that were part of Warhol's process

rather than simply displaying the screen prints that are so famous, the exhibit approaches Warhol in an unusually personal way.

"A lot of other exhibits present him as focusing on celebrity," De Galan said. "This is trying to take it a step back, to see a very personal part of the process."

She looked through Warhol's published diaries while putting the exhibit together.

"I connected moments from diary to diary and tried to make it very personal," De Galan said.

Some of Warhol's diaries, as well as his philosophy from the '70s, will be on display in the exhibit.

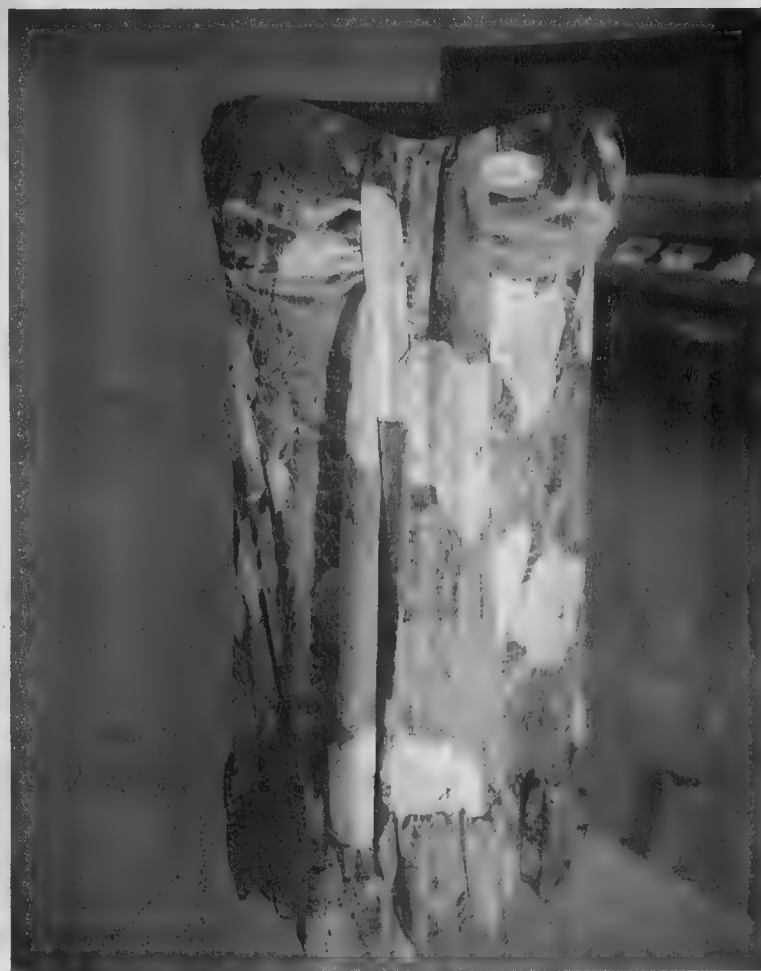
In addition to the polaroids, the exhibit displays three pieces of clothing inspired by Warhol's work, referencing Warhol's continued influence on art and fashion.

"I was trying to bring the theme forward to show his legacy," De Galan said.

The exhibit is open now and will be on display at the Fleming Museum until April 26.

The opening event is on Feb. 17 will have an '80s theme.

"People should come dressed," De Galan said.



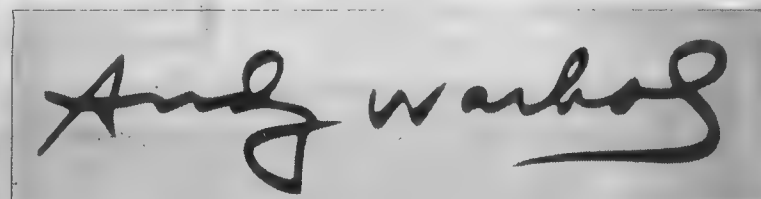
BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

A colorful dress is on display at the Fleming Museum's new Andy Warhol exhibit. The exhibit features his lesser-known prints and pieces.



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

The exhibit features pieces representing a softer side of Warhol's art, including the print on this jacket.



Opening reception  
Feb. 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Exhibition open  
until April 26

# Military film isn't "Saving Private Ryan"

## Burlington native produces film that shows effects of war without Hollywood shine

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

"The Messenger" is a movie about soldiers, but it doesn't take place on the battlefield.

In a typical war movie, when a soldier dies, there is an epic tragedy in his or her death; instead, "The Messenger" shows how disturbingly routine military death can be.

"The Messenger" is a different kind of war movie than most, depicting soldiers' experiences after they return home — or how their families feel if they don't.

One of the film's producers, Lawrence Inglee, is from Burlington.

Inglee oversaw the film's story development and production, the film's website stated.

"The Messenger's" grit comes not from soldiers shooting out

of a muddy trench, but from the difficulty for even the most successful soldiers to return to civilian life — not to mention the alternative of not returning at all.

The film confronts how one man, Staff Sergeant Will Montgomery, copes with the harrowing task of delivering combat death notices.

Upon returning from duty, Sergeant Montgomery and Captain Tony Stone — who trains him in casualty notification — must not only attempt to assimilate back to civilian life, but to also keep their own lives together as they deliver news that destroys others.

Montgomery survived the war as a hero, but is still faced with a harsh reality back at home.

This juxtaposition makes a strong statement contradicting

the often-glamorized portrayal of war.

Ben Foster and Woody Harrelson deliver strong, haunting performances, as Montgomery and Stone, respectively.

There are cringe-worthy moments of "The Messenger" that are almost too upsetting to watch, but they develop the film's impact.

The film's blunt tone makes it seem realistic and the emotions of the characters make "The Messenger" a memorable, affecting film.

"The Messenger" received a Golden Globe nomination, in addition to a number of other award nominations and festival honors.

The film is currently showing at Palace 9 Cinemas in South Burlington.



# "Saving Cinnamon" hopes to inspire

Local author pens motivational tale about brother's rescued Afghan camp dog

By John Nagy & Chris Leo Palermينو  
Staff Writer & Arts Editor

On Jan. 19, Vermont-born author Christine Sullivan visited Barnes and Noble in South Burlington to retell the story of "Saving Cinnamon," a veteran war dog in Afghanistan.

Sullivan quit her day job to write the book because she felt that more people needed to know what happened about the story.

Sullivan's brother, Navy Reservist Mark Feffer, became close with the base mascot, a scraggly stray puppy the servicemen called Cinnamon.

When Feffer returned home, he began the long process of attempting to adopt him.

Sullivan, who had originally met the dog via webcam, was inspired to help her brother in reconnecting Feffer with his long-lost friend.

After much hard work and effort, Cinnamon was finally brought to the United States in 2006.

However, getting her here was no easy feat.

"We'd have one miracle, then a setback, another miracle, another setback," Sullivan said.

The inspirational tale hopes to motivate others to action.

"They needed to know that the impossible truly is possible," Sullivan said. "I felt Cinnamon's story was a story that needed to be shared with as many people as possible because it makes people feel good."



Christina Sullivan, author of "Saving Cinnamon," signs her novels at Barnes and Noble on Jan. 19.

KELSEY WOOLEY | The Vermont Cynic

Since then, she has founded New Hope for Animals, a partnership formed by Sullivan and Feffer.

This organization raises money for animals in need

through the proceeds of Sullivan's book.

She also volunteered to care for animal victims of Hurricane Katrina and continues to be an animal advocate, working with

Operation Baghdad Pups.

Beyond this, she hopes that her story will enlighten people to the enormous problem of pet and stray overpopulation.

"We can make a difference.

If someone is inspired to add a cat or dog to the family, I would encourage them to visit their local pound, shelter or rescue group," Sullivan said.



**HIGHER  
GROUND**  
tickets now  
available  
on-campus  
at Growing  
Vermont in  
the UVM  
Davis Center



Wallachia  
1462

Prince Vlad, a mob of angry peasants beset the gates of the castle!

WHAT! Augh! Not Again!

I told you idiots, I'm not a Vampire! I just LIKE murdering people

VLAD!!!

whaaat?

IT IS TIME!!!

You mean for your big vengeance plan against The True Masons

FINALLY! I hate those jerks!

Come step through the time-portal! Everyone is gathered and prepared!

But first the Masons shall see this world conquered by...  
THE VILLAIN!

To Be Continued

winter olympics  
word jumble

.....olympic sports.....

E G L U

G I I K N S

C E H K O Y

A G I K N S T

answer

.....olympic terms.....

A E F M L

E E N S T V

A D E L M S

A E H M N S T

answer

Buy, Sell, Rent at cheapbooks.com

TEXTBOOKS

bought and sold  
new & used  
online buybacks

English    Espanol    Urdu/Hindi/Punjabi  
(260) 399-6111 • (212) 380-1763 • (713) 429-4981  
See site for other support lines.

NEW SERIES!  
COMING  
TRASH TALK  
By Ashley Frisoli

BECAUSE...

Electric Beach Hair & Tanning  
Where it's all about you  
1166 Williston Road, South Burlington  
864-1500 • www.electricbeachvt.com

Cutting  
Styling  
Coloring  
Waxing  
Perming  
Conditioning  
Licensed Massages  
Spacapsule Massages  
Facials  
Weightloss Body Wraps  
7 Levels of Tanning:  
• High Pressure  
• Face Tanner  
• Leg Tanner  
• Spray Tanning

SUMMER IN MAINE  
Males & females. Meet new friends! Travel! Teach your favorite activity.

Tennis  
Canoe  
Waterski  
Gymnastics  
Silver Jewelry  
English Riding  
Copper Enameling  
Dance

Basketball  
Field Hockey  
Softball  
Newsletter  
Lacrosse  
Theater Costumer  
Swim  
Soccer

Sail  
Kayak  
Archery  
Rocks  
Ropes  
Art  
Pottery  
Office  
Photo

June to August. Residential. Enjoy our website. Apply online.  
TRIPP LAKE CAMP for Girls:  
1-800-977-4347 www.triplakecamp.com

M welcome back M  
i'm lovin' it students i'm lovin' it

show us your valid college id & get a  
free sandwich  
w/purchase of a large fry & medium drink

Offer Valid at McDonald's in South Burlington (Includes the University Mall),  
Essex, Essex Junction, & Colchester VT

Crossword  
brought to you by bestcrosswords.com

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13  
14 15 16  
17 18 19  
20 21 22  
23 24  
25 26 27 28 29  
30 31 32 33 34 35  
36 37 38 39  
40 41 42  
43 44 45  
46 47 48 49 50  
51 52 53 54 55  
56 57 58 59  
60 61 62  
63 64 65

ACROSS  
1- The sacred scriptures of Hinduism  
5- Swiss city on the Rhine  
10- Drop  
14- Line of rotation  
15- Demote  
16- Arch type  
17- Hotbed  
18- Chip dip  
19- Baltic capital  
20- Distinguishing feature  
23- Embed  
24- Not o'er  
25- Maze runner  
28- Beat it!  
30- Aha!  
31- Fiendish  
36- Airport abbr.  
37- One who aspires  
39- Boxer Laila  
40- Inequality  
42- In addition to  
43- Came down to earth  
44- Economize  
46- Climb  
49- Tenth letter of the Greek alphabet

51- Northern lights  
56- Langston Hughes poem  
57- Buy alternative  
58- Desktop picture  
60- Writing table  
61- Pertaining to song  
62- Dodge model  
63- Calculus calculation  
64- Hiding place  
65- Sea eagle

25- Fibbed  
26- Italian wine city  
27- Places to sleep  
28- Remain  
29- Taxi  
31- Agitated state  
32- As a female, you could be queen or worker  
33- Colombian city  
34- Grad  
35- Speech issue  
37- Strong Australian horse  
38- Jackie's second  
41- Clumsy person  
42- Sugarcoated almond  
44- Language communication  
45- Tax pro  
46- You \_\_\_\_\_ mouthfull  
47- More adorable  
48- "\_\_\_\_\_ by any other name..."  
49- Australian marsupial  
50- Bears the ictus  
52- Donations to the poor  
53- Sugar source  
54- Bakery worker  
55- Before long  
59- Vane dir.

DOWN  
1- Covered vehicle  
2- Corp. VIP, briefly  
3- Course  
4- "Silk Stockings" star  
5- Igneous rock of a lava flow  
6- Fiber obtained from a banana plant  
7- Saline  
8- "\_\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)  
9- Goneril's father  
10- Norse god  
11- Heartburn  
12- Kosher  
13- Percolate  
21- Genetic messenger  
22- Mindlessly stupid

Sudoku

Easy

Hard



# Irwin nets three in big win over Northeastern

Win puts Cats  
12th in Pairwise  
polls, 17th overall

By Diana Giunta  
Asst. Sports Editor

After a rough 3-1 loss on Jan. 15 for the men's hockey team against Northeastern University, it was senior Brayden Irwin who brought the team charging back the following night to crush the Huskies 9-2 and return to top-form.

Irwin scored three goals to record a hat trick in the game — the first hat trick recorded by the Catamounts since senior co-captain Brian Roloff scored one last March.

"It just feels great. I mean, those kind of games don't come around too often, but I think it's the result of a great team effort," Irwin said. "Right from the start, we had everyone firing on all cylinders and it was a real collective effort."

The Northeastern win was not the first time that Irwin propelled the Catamounts offense this season.

He is the team's top scorer with 10 goals and 11 assists to his name so far.

Irwin's production has also been positive since he has been playing on the same line with senior Colin Vock and junior Justin Milo.

The line was assembled following the holiday break and has proven to be effective.

Vock scored the only goal in the team's loss against Northeastern and notched three assists in Saturday's win, while Milo scored two goals and had



Senior Brayden Irwin (5) chases after the puck during a game last semester against UMass Lowell. Irwin helped defeat Northeastern with a hat trick last Saturday night 9-2. The team also shut out No. 15 Massachusetts this past Sunday, improving to 12-8-2.

BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

an assist in the win.

"I think since we put them together they've been playing very well," head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "They're getting us opportunities, they're scoring on a nightly basis for us."

The decisive Northeastern win brought Vermont to No. 17 in the USCHO.com/CBS college sports poll.

The Catamounts are also ranked at No. 12 in the most recent Pairwise rankings.

The Pairwise rankings are the rankings used by the NCAA Selection Committee to determine the NCAA tournament teams, so the Catamounts will have to continue to do well in these rankings to have a shot at repeating last season's Frozen

Four run.

Ending the Northeastern series on a high note may also prove to be good fuel for the team as they continue the season — as the rest of the regular season is booked with important Hockey East matchups.

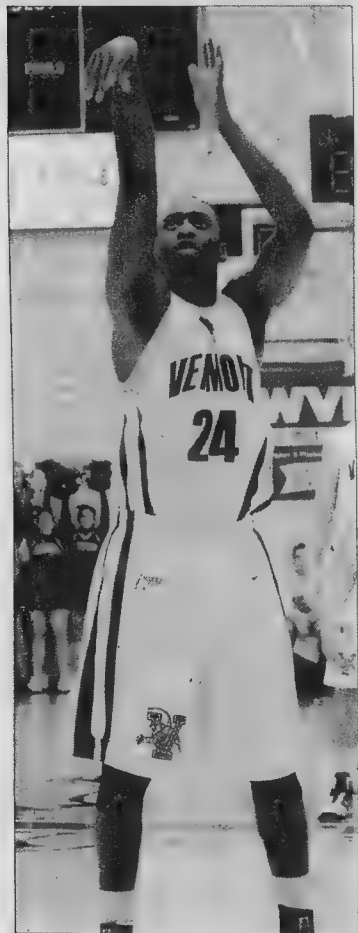
"Again, an important series win, it's going to be a tight race," Sneddon said. "This is the second

series now of games that we've won with BC and Northeastern, so we want to try to win as many of those as possible."

The matchups begin with a two-game series away against UMass. The team will return home to Gutterson on Jan. 29 to face off against Maine.

## After rout of BU, Catamount hype is hard to ignore

### Cats are in strong position to finish at the top of the America East



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic  
Senior Maurice Joseph (above) shoots a free throw. Joseph is coming off a career high, 29 points this past Sunday.

By Will Andreyckak  
Staff Writer

Those familiar with men's collegiate basketball are probably familiar with the term "bracketology."

For those who have never heard of such a word, bracketology is the "science" created by ESPN which predicts the seeding of the NCAA Tournament in March.

The most recognized expert in the field of ESPN's bracketology, Joe Lunardi, predicted that the University of Vermont's men's basketball team will win the America East conference title and earn a trip to the big dance.

The men's basketball team seldom receives this much national attention, but due to the their recent success, it has been hard for experts across the country to ignore the Catamounts.

The Catamounts won 12 of their last 13 games and have won seven in a row after their latest victory over Hartford Jan. 17.

An important victory of the stretch took place Jan. 17 when

pre-season league favorite, Boston University, traveled to Patrick Gymnasium and got blown out 78-58.

The Catamounts opened the game on a 24-3 run and never looked back on their way to the 20-point rout.

Head coach Mike Lonergan has lead the Catamounts to a 14-5 record — 5-0 within the conference — this season and is mildly surprised by the success.

"I didn't expect us to have such a good record at this time but our guys have really become a great defensive team and a very good rebounding team, which has helped us win a lot of games," Lonergan said.

Senior Marqus Blakely did his part for the Catamounts this season, averaging 17.8 points and 9.1 rebounds per game, but others have stepped up and made contributions.

A vital part of the Catamounts offensive attack has been the improved play of senior guard Maurice Joseph.

Joseph, who averages 14.1 points per game, has stepped up and given the Catamounts

another consistent offensive weapon game in and game out.

"I have been extremely pleased with Maurice's improvement this year," Lonergan said. "He has always been a good shooter and leader but now he has become a much better rebounder and defender and that has helped our team tremendously."

**"Anytime you work hard at something and get results from it, is always a good feeling."**

Maurice Joseph

Senior Guard

Joseph worked hard in the off-season to get to this point and is glad that all the work is finally paying off.

"It feels good to be having a good season thus far," Joseph said. "Anytime you work hard at

something and get results from it, is always a good feeling."

If the Catamounts want to maintain their high level of play, Joseph said that he must continue to excel.

"I think it is very important for me to continue to play well at both ends of the floor," Joseph said. "If I can continue to score the ball as well as defend and rebound, it will give our team a huge boost."

Perhaps the person who has benefited the most from Joseph's play is Blakely.

"It is truly important that Mojo plays well because it allows our team to have another outside shooter on the floor, which makes beating double teams a lot easier," Blakely said.

"Adding him on the offensive end opens up plays for other players and makes the other team respect our outside shooting."

It is rare that the UVM receives any national attention for basketball, but the noise being made in Patrick Gymnasium is resonating throughout the entire country and it is certainly hard to ignore.



# UVM winter sports carrying the torch

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

1-10-5. It's not a date, it was the record of the most successful sports team at UVM this fall, forged by the men's soccer squad.

Though the season was plagued by injury and attrition, concealing the talent that the team was unable to put out on the pitch, it still shows how much our beloved Catamounts struggled during the fall sports season.

Collectively, the fall sports teams combined for three wins while suffering 40 losses and eight ties. Translation: Catamount fans heartburn was at an all time high during the fall.

But, winter has come so bring on the Tums!

Our hockey team, which is one of the most competitive in the nation year-in and year-out, has continued its trend of being nationally rank and contending in the Hockey East Conference.

They currently stand at No. 17 ranking in the USCHO.com rankings and 12th in the pairwise rankings and have shown they have the talent to

take on anyone in the nation.

Meanwhile our men's basketball team came out of the gates to win five straight in conference play.

Experts across the nation believe that UVM has a strong chance of winning the America East and reaching the big dance.

On the women's side, the basketball team continues to be the class of the America East.

The success of Vermont's winter sports teams is glaring, but I haven't even touched on the sports occurring outdoors.

The Catamount ski team boasts dynamite young racer in the nation in David Donaldson, who raced to his 10th career victory at last weekends St. Lawrence Carnival and is a national champion in giant slalom.

1-26-10. That is the date, the current date in fact, and we're not even two-thirds through with the winter sport season and Cat fans have already been able to see 56 wins from the winter sports programs combined.

The heartburn is over for now but the butterflies have begun for Catamount fans.

## Sports shorts

By Diana Giunta

Men's hockey strides against breast cancer

Tim Thomas makes Olympic team

The men's hockey team participated in the Hockey East Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer event last Friday during their game against Northeastern University.

The event featured a pregame presentation with the Vermont Cancer Center along with Green Mountain Coffee and Comcast.

Comcast donated \$500 to the Vermont Cancer Center as part of the event.

Players wore pink on their uniforms to show support for the cause and fans were encouraged to wear pink to the game.

All proceeds from the event, including a 50/50 raffle, were donated to the Vermont Cancer Center to benefit their cancer research.

Blakely featured in America East show

Catamount teams score high in graduation success rate

The debut of the fifth season of the America East conference's magazine show, America East on Campus, will occur at UVM.

Host Eric Frede spent time with senior Marqus Blakely discussing Blakely's hopes for a successful rest of the season, as well as first conference title and NCAA tournament berth.

The show is meant to keep fans updated on men's and women's basketball around America East as well as point out players to watch.

Blakely hopes to lead the basketball team to victory on the road against America East opponent Binghamton on Sunday.

The team will continue on the road to play New Hampshire on Wednesday, another America East foe.

Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas, who graduated from UVM in 1997, was named to the Olympic hockey team for the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada.

Thomas is the fourth former UVM hockey player to earn a spot on an Olympic team.

John LeClair '91, Aaron Miller '93 and Martin St. Louis '97 were also selected during their pro careers.

Thomas is sharing the spot with two other goaltenders on the Olympic roster, as Ryan Miller from the Buffalo Sabres and John Quick of the Los Angeles Kings were also selected.

Thomas will help the U.S. Hockey Team try for a gold medal when the Olympic Games begin on Feb. 12.

According to numbers recently released by the NCAA, UVM had 12 sports above the national average for graduation success rate (GSR).

The men's cross country and track and field teams, and the women's basketball, field hockey, hockey, soccer and swimming and diving teams posted a 100 percent GSR.

Besides the 12 individual teams that scored above the national D-1 average of 79 percent, the Catamounts as a whole had an average of 91 percent.

The GSR was developed by the NCAA as part of an academic reform project to accurately measure the graduation rate of student-athletes.

## King Street Laundry

72 King Street, Burlington

802-651-0838

We'll Do YOUR  
LAUNDRY  
\$99/Semester

Pick-Up & Drop-Off Included! \*Must Show Student ID

The only  
nightlife  
guide to  
down-  
town  
drink  
specials,  
events,  
sales,  
and  
more...

BROKE

BURLINGTON  
COM





## ← last week

**Swimming (L)** 01/16

Navy 219, Vermont 81

**Women's Hockey** 01/16**No. 9 UConn, Vermont 1**

The women's hockey team returned home for the first time since November and couldn't hold off the Huskies in their home reunion.

**Men's Hockey** 01/16**No. 18 Vermont 9, Northeastern 2**

Brayden Irwin pulled out a hat trick, while junior Justin Milo scored twice during Vermont's domination of Northeastern.

**Women's Hockey** 01/17**No. 9 UConn 4, Vermont 1**

Senior Chelsea Furlani scored the only goal for the Cats who dropped their second straight to the ranked Huskies.

**Men's Basketball** 01/17**Vermont 78, Boston U 58**

Four different Cats scored in double figures to lead a balanced effort against rival BU.

**Women's Basketball** 01/18**Boston 73, No. 24 UVM 64**

In their first game as a member of the top 25 in 17 years, the Cats ceded a double-digit lead en route to their first conference loss.

**Men's Basketball** 01/19**Vermont 78, Hartford 66**

Forwards Marqus Blakely and Evan Fjeld combined for 39 points as UVM was too much down low for Hartford to handle.

**Women's Basketball** 01/21**Vermont 79, UMBC 51**

Junior Tonya Young continued her dominance in the post, scoring 21 and adding 10 rebounds in the Cat's decisive victory.

## next week →

**Tuesday** 01/26**Women's Basketball vs. Hartford**

7 p.m. Patrick Gym (NESN)

**Wednesday** 01/27**Men's Basketball @ New Hampshire**

7 p.m. Durham, N.H.

**Friday** 01/29**Track and Field Reebeck Classic**

4 p.m. Boston - Reggie Lewis Center

**Women's Hockey @ Providence**

7 p.m. Providence, R.I.

**Men's Hockey vs. Maine**

7:05 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

**Saturday** 01/30**Men's Basketball vs. Albany**

2 p.m. Patrick Gym

**Men's Hockey vs. Maine**

7:05 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

**Sunday** 01/31**Women's Basketball vs. New Hampshire**

2 p.m. Patrick Gym

# Women's basketball reach the ap poll

## Top 25

### After a series of impressive wins, the Cats reached No. 24 in the polls



By Andrew Lieberman  
Staff Writer

Despite a difficult loss against the Boston University Terriers, the UVM women's basketball team is enjoying their first ranking in the AP poll in 17 years.

The Catamounts earned the 24th spot in the AP rankings on Jan. 18 after starting the season an impressive 14-3.

"We worked really hard for our record and we're happy the rankings recognized that," freshman Kendra Seto said.

UVM is among the mid-major schools proving that they have the talent to compete with the top conferences.

The team posted a respectable record of 2-3 against teams from power conferences — both wins coming in hostile ACC arenas against North Carolina State and Boston College.

The Catamounts lost narrowly to visiting Oklahoma State, 63-68.

The other two losses came at the hands of the undefeated Connecticut and Nebraska.

The last time the UConn women's basketball team lost was in the NCAA tournament semifinals to Stanford on April 4, 2008.

The UVM women have also managed to post an impressive

3-0 record against a talented Atlantic 10 conference.

The Canadian trio of seniors Courtnay Pilypaitis, May Kotsopoulos and freshman Kendra Seto have made the Cats one of the most surprising teams in the nation.

The three have started every game and average a combine 45 points per game.

"Courtney [Pilypaitis] and May [Kotsopoulos] are great captains and help out on and off the court," Seto said. "We're ready to go, taking one game at a time."

This team is synchronized on all four cylinders. It has what it takes to continue its success: an experienced coaching staff, star players, a balanced attack, stingy defense and young talent moving up the ranks.

As a result, the AP ranking brings national legitimacy to the program.

The Vermont women's basketball team has deep talent reminiscent of the glory years of Coppenger and Sorrentine's "shot from the parking lot."

The women appear to be ready to take care of business in the conference, after winning six of their first seven conference games and hope to continue with being recognized nationally while holding the top spot in the America East.

## Women's Basketball 2010

Overall record: 15-4 America East Record: 5-1

Freshman Kendra Seto started in the first game of her career and has remained there. This made Seto only the second rookie to start a season opener under head coach Sharon Dawley. Seto had 15 points and five rebounds in her debut, which was a win for Vermont.

The team won three straight games against Maine, Albany and Binghamton before Boston University ended the streak and defeated the Catamounts 73-64.

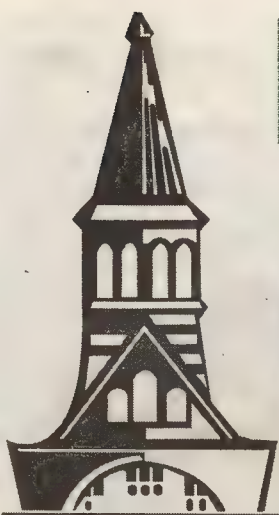
The Catamounts bounced back from the loss quickly though, with a 79-51 win on the road against UMBC.

The loss against BU was the first league loss for the Catamounts. The game also brought senior Courtnay Pilypaitis within four assists of setting the all-time assist record.

The team will return home now for a string of home games against Hartford and UNH.

BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic  
Contributions from freshmen such as Kendra Seto (above), Kristine Lalonde and Lauren Wheeler has helped ease the burden on stars May Kotsopoulos and Courtnay Pilypaitis.





**B-A-N-A-N-A-S**  
The recipe to Bananas Foster, an impressive desert that tastes good, too!

6

**THE MAGIC OF DYE**  
Professor Sean Dye talks about incorporating his art into his teaching.

7

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, February 2, 2010 • Volume 126 Issue 16 | Burlington, Vermont

**TEXTBOOKS REQUIRED**  
Literature

1 GRADE 1-40000

**MANAGEMENT**

Essays  
The real story behind professors who require students to buy their books.

3

## Seeing through the smoke

### Student group SSDP pushes to revise the University's current drug policy

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Staff Writer

After almost five years of absence, new leadership to the student organization Students for a Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) could mean big changes. 2005 was the last year SSDP was active, but this semester,

drug abuse and biased drug policies," O'Bryon said. "We strive for a society that accepts drug abuse as a health issue rather than a criminal justice issue."

The goals of SSDP are as large as nationwide policy change, but also as local as UVM policy change.

"We want to seriously look at our alcohol and drug policy, including the Got Your Back Policy, and find ways to make it more sensible and effective," O'Bryon said.

In 2006, the Got Your Back policy was started to encourage students to call for alcohol-related medical assistance for friends in danger without having to worry about getting in trouble.

Miller said that he thinks the Got Your Back Policy is not effective because students that are expecting amnesty are actually receiving judicial hearings.

"It's a good Samaritan policy, but the amnesty falls short," O'Bryon said. "The whole idea is to promote kids to do the right thing — call for help without their own prosecution — but this program fails when

see SSDP on page 2

"It's a good Samaritan policy, but the amnesty falls short."

Katherine O'Bryon  
Junior and co-president of SSDP

co-presidents junior Katherine O'Bryon and sophomore Brendan Miller have high hopes of mobilizing SSDP even further.

O'Bryon said the idea of the club is to provide an open forum for political dialogue on campus about current drug policy and drug reform.

"We particularly want to reduce the harms caused by

Photo Illustration by Bailey Cummings

## "Spires" identified through town meetings

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Staff Writer

In an attempt to achieve more of a prestigious reputation, UVM is continuing the process of identifying transdisciplinary "Spires of Excellence."

These spires of excellence are particular academic areas within the University that would receive focused investments to be used for faculty research and graduate level education.

"If we want to truly distinguish ourselves and be considered among the very best, we have to be strategic and focused in our allocation of resources," Vice President for Research and Graduate Study Domenico Grasso said in an interview with University Communications.

Last week, UVM progressed in their attempt to identify these

spires, as the Transdisciplinary Research Initiative Working Groups have submitted their final "Spire of Excellence" proposals.

The areas include Biological and Bioengineering Science, Complex Systems, Culture and Society, Environment, Food Systems, Neuroscience, Policy Studies and Public Health and Policy.

Throughout the week, three days of town meetings occurred to discuss each prospective proposal to determine which of the areas would be selected.

At the meetings, representatives from each group gave a 15-minute overview of their proposals, followed by discussion prompted by the audience members.

If chosen, investments would be focused on the spires.

"In the past, we've tried to be all things to all people," Grasso said in UVM Today. "Identifying spires of excellence is the path we need to pursue to become truly exceptional."

While the administration considers the opportunity for a more prestigious University status, not everyone views the changes so positively.

Professors are concerned that selectively concentrating resources into these particular areas could lead to the neglect and eventual elimination of existing programs.

Both proposals from each working group, as well as podcasts of the town meetings, are available online.

Visit [www.uvm.edu/~ovpr/?page=workinggroups/charge.php](http://www.uvm.edu/~ovpr/?page=workinggroups/charge.php) for podcasts.

## Remembering Dr. King

### CNN correspondent speaks at MLK celebration about equality, justice

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

More than 40 years after Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, a community gathered together at Ira Allen Chapel to remember his work and re-inspire its continued efforts.

Soledad O'Brien, anchor and special correspondent for CNN, gave the keynote address Jan. 26 in front of a full house for the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration as part of an evening that remembered a great leader and recognized the progress made in his absence.

"I get a little bit frustrated

when Dr. King's message is boiled down to the little phrase 'I have a dream,'" O'Brien said. "He was leading a fight for something more than just the individual."

Dr. King's message was meant to promote total equality, and he lived this message by serving the needs of the people, O'Brien said. Quoting *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

At times, all we see are problems, but it is important to remember finding the

see O'BRIEN on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-2 — FEATURE 3 — OPINION 4-5 — LIFE 6 — ARTS 7 — DISTRACTIONS 9 — COMICS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for *The Cynic*? No experience necessary. Contact [cynic@uvm.edu](mailto:cynic@uvm.edu)

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)





**ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN** | The Vermont Cynic  
Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss announced that there would be a Burlington Winter Festival despite budget cuts. The festival will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6.

## Winter fest saved by students

By Max Harwood  
Staff Writer

Despite a loss of funding, the Burlington Winter Festival will come alive again this year on Saturday, Feb. 6, thanks to the help of UVM students.

After budget cuts threatened the festival in 2007, the UVM CDAE Event Planning class joined forces with Burlington Department of Parks and Recreation to ensure that the festival would see its 18th year, according to CDAE professor and research specialist Jessica Hyman.

"The UVM department of community development and applied economics came on board in 2007," Hyman said. "Since then, students in the winter session event planning class have helped out with the planning."

The class is a service learning class in which students did planning, marketing and public relations for the event,

she said.

"I wrote press releases, pitches and got media sponsorships," CDAE student Amanda Neubelt said. "I was able to get media sponsors, WOKO and 99.9 The Buzz, to donate 40 radio ads."

**"We could not have done this without UVM."**

**Nancy Bove**  
Events Coordinator for  
Burlington Department of  
Parks and Recreation

The work that the class did make the event possible, according to Nancy Bove, the events coordinator for Burlington Department of

Parks and Recreation.

"We could not have done this without UVM," she said. "Working with the kids was absolutely phenomenal."

Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss was also excited about the partnership.

"This connection with UVM to make it possible has been very good," he said.

In addition to help from the CDAE students, the UVM men's hockey team is planning to help make the snow blocks for the ice sculptures, Kiss said.

"All are cooperating together to create this experience in Burlington for our community and tourists so that we have something really special in winter," Bove said.

In return, students learned a lot about the community, Hyman said.

"I was able to sense that the community in Burlington is a lot closer than I thought," Neubelt said.



**BAILEY CUMMINGS** | The Vermont Cynic  
CNN anchorwoman Soledad O'Brien was the keynote speaker for UVM's MLK activities.

## O'BRIEN | Urges America to lead by serving those in need

...continued from page 1

potential in your situation, O'Brien said.

"America is better than this," she said. "Enough people together can make a change — if there is a strong enough will."

After a three-song performance by The New Alpha Missionary Baptist Church Children's Gospel Choir, O'Brien spoke and answered questions for almost an hour.

At the reception, University President Daniel Mark Fogel said he thought O'Brien did a terrific job of addressing important values with historical and personal depth.

"It was important that she came," Fogel said. "We are all part of the choir, and we are all singing together."

Freshman Jennifer Carmin said she was moved by O'Brien's speech, "especially by the message about helping others."

Carmin, who was born and has family in Haiti, said she lost a cousin in the earthquake.

"Everybody can do something to help other people," she said. "You don't need to know someone to have a reason to help."

Quoting King, O'Brien

said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

In regards to Haiti, she continued that, "the fierce urgency [is] the now."

"True leadership is leading by serving," O'Brien said. "It's about influence, not control."

Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs and Academic Initiatives Wanda Heading-Grant said she invited O'Brien to UVM because she thought anything O'Brien said was likely to resonate.

"We wanted to honor Dr. King's legacy and continue working on his dream," Heading-Grant said. "And [O'Brien's] spirit, experience, knowledge and energy was perfect for engaging us in exactly that."

Upcoming multicultural events include a Neo-African-American Film Screening on Feb. 4, and GospelFest 2010 on Feb. 14.

"Race relations aren't perfect," a Colchester resident and UVM alum said at the reception, "but we've come so far from where our fathers were and — with the right education — we continue to make progress."

"Just think," he said. "Forty years ago the idea of a black president was only a dream, but things change."

## SSDP | Campus club strives to reform punitive alcohol and drug policies

...continued from page 1

trouble."

Miller said that SSDP hopes to work toward altering policies in a way that promotes student safety and that do not prioritize punishment.

"UVM is an institute of higher education, and we don't believe it is their direct business to look for extra reasons to punish their students," O'Bryon said.

She believes that one of the first steps to reform policies on campus is to equalize alcohol

and marijuana penalties.

"I have seen people get caught for alcohol three or four times and have nothing happen, but that is not the truth when they get caught with marijuana once," she said.

Miller said that alcohol is more dangerous than marijuana, but the penalties are not representative of that reality.

According to the National SSDP website, "each and every year, drinking by college students contributes to 1,400 student deaths, 500,000

injuries and 70,000 sexual assaults or date rapes. In contrast, no one has ever died from marijuana. Ever."

Punitive prohibition-style policies tend to cause more harm than they prevent, and drug education and treatment goes a lot further than punishment for people who have real drug problems, O'Bryon said.

"Education, not incarceration, and treating drug use as a public health issue, not a criminal justice issue, are very high on our list," Miller said.

The co-presidents feel that

the issues supported by SSDP are very important to a large portion of the student body.

"There [are] definitely a lot of interested students out there, but until we were officially recognized, it was hard getting their attention," Miller said.

Miller said that the path to becoming a recognized club was challenging for this reason.

"When we were first trying to become recognized, the SGA made us host two unofficial meetings to prove that there was interest in the student body," Miller said.

"This was much easier said than done because we could not reserve space, couldn't set up a LISTSERV and technically couldn't really flyer around campus, either."

SSDP is now officially recognized as a political club.

This Wednesday, Feb. 3, the group will be having their first general meeting in Aiken 104 at 7 p.m.

"SSDP neither condones nor supports the use of drugs. You don't have to enjoy using substances to be part of SSDP," Miller said.



# Reading into royalties

# 3

## CHAPTER

BY TABATHA LEAHY  
Staff Writer

### 3.1 Students question whether professors profit from required texts

At the beginning of every semester, hordes of students clutching long lists of books head to the Bookstore, prepared to shell out hundreds of dollars on textbooks.

The recent increase in professors who require their students to purchase their own texts has students questioning whether it is ethical for professors to profit off the books they require their students to buy. Is this just another money-making scheme? Some students think so.

"It is my strong belief that textbooks written by professors and their close colleagues are not necessarily the best tools for students," senior psychology and Italian studies major Rachel Noyes said. "There are many textbooks out there that are useful and have been created specifically to aid in students understanding of the material."

Some students feel as though the teachers should not rely on their own textbooks as the sole learning device, since it is just more money in their pockets, and an additional expense for the students.

"Teachers are already being paid, is it really necessary for them to make more?" sophomore education major Haley Clayton said.

UVM faculty members are expected to make contributions to research and creative scholarship in their respective fields, according to UVM's new faculty orientation website. This expected contribution on the road to tenure can take the form of a textbook.

Students say professors exert a solid effort to lower prices, but it does not always reach the best outcome for the student.

"Overall, I think teachers try to be reasonable. But even if teachers did purchase books themselves, they can use them for an infinite number of semesters. I'll use my copy for one semester," junior psychology Brittany Raymond said. "These textbooks are an unnecessary hole in my pocket."

Professors argue that textbooks are an investment to one's education, not an unnecessary purchase.

"Books represent the educational process, not just an inanimate object we study," English professor Tom Simone said. "Books are not an economic object; they are an active part of one's educational aspect and values."

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) claims that textbook prices nearly tripled between December 1986 and December 2004.

"My jaw drops when I hear the final costs of textbooks at the Bookstore," Raymond said.

Students constantly complain about textbook prices and, when the end of the semester rolls around, there are long lines of students waiting to sell back their books.

"When you sell back your textbooks, essentially you are selling back your education," Simone said.

Not everything done in the classroom is through textbooks. All students have access to additional online supplements, E-reserve and materials a professor may post on Blackboard.

"We are aware of the costs of textbooks and are very open to making supplements available to limit the number of textbooks," Simone said.

So many books these days are translated or written at an expert level, it makes students unable to comprehend the material or lose interest, Simone said.

"Professors who use their own textbooks for teaching a

class make learning more desirable and effective," Simone said. "Dante is a very difficult work to really understand. With my book, I feel as though students really can understand what is going on."

Texts like his that are custom tailored to his classes offer a better, more comprehensive learning experience, Simone said.

"I enjoy taking classes with professors who write their own books," freshman Hannah Raftery said. "Not only are the books written best to coincide with the class, but the professors are equally, if not more, enthused than the students."

Expenses for textbooks are growing regardless of where they are purchased or who is making the profits.

"I barely see any of the money that is made on my books," Simone said. "On average I make about 50 cents per book that I sell."

"I would rather make no money on the books, in order to help students save on education costs," he said.

Some professors contribute to charitable organizations as an alternative to keeping the royalties they make on the books.

"I write my textbooks for the students; it's the only reason that motivates me to write the book," community development and applied economics professor Dr. Kathleen Liang said.

The alternative textbook for Liang's class is \$170 compared to the \$36 that the book she published costs.

"It is crazy for me to imagine [asking students to pay that much]," Liang said. "I also think it is a challenge to identify an appropriate textbook without going over your budget."

Liang said that the publisher encouraged her to write a textbook. After reviewing how much she was spending in photocopies, she found that writing a book would cost less.

"The motivation for me is to save you money in the long run," Liang said. "However, I don't want to be paid for any profit [of the book]."

Publishers take the cost of the book — with a small percentage going to the UVM Bookstore — and the rest goes to the Entrepreneurship Education Fund, Liang said.

Through donations, she hopes to inspire other faculty members to do the same.

"I want to establish a good model for other faculty," she said.

The Entrepreneurship Education fund consists of Dollar Enterprise student business profits, community donations, income from Liang's textbook and personal contributions by Liang and colleagues.

The fund uses money to help students who cannot pay for books or other school functions.

"My goal before I die here is to get over a million dollars [in the Entrepreneurship Education Fund]," she said.

Part of the check for the profits of Liang's book this year will go toward helping orphanages in Haiti. She also wants to start a small backpack project, she said.

Liang wants to go to community businesses and ask them to donate backpacks and school supplies for Haiti, she said.

"The usage of the fund has no limitations," Liang said.

Students feel this is a generous solution to professors requiring students to purchase the books they wrote.

"I think more people should get involved in this here at UVM," Clayton said. "UVM needs more of this."

## TEXTBOOK FACTOIDS

UVM estimates that students will spend \$1,050 on books and supplies per year

According to National Association of College Stores, college bookstores, on average, made 4.5 cents for every dollar spent at the store on new textbooks.

According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on textbooks, textbook prices have increased 186 percent since 1986.

According to GAO, textbooks are, on average, 26 percent of tuition and fees for an academic year at a public, four-year institution.

Students receive 50 percent of the retail price of textbooks for selling them back to the Bookstore if the book is being used the following year, according to the UVM Bookstore.

\* TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010



## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

William Sedlack  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Jessica Bartlett  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## Asst. Managing Editor

Joanna Benjamin  
jbenjam@uvm.edu

## Art Director

Josh Lee  
cynic.art@gmail.com

## News

Jeff Botula and Claire Eaton  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Max Harwood  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Features

Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

## Life

Hayley Johnson  
hjohnso2@uvm.edu

## Layout

Casey Manning  
cmanning@uvm.edu

## Photography

Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Katie Gioia  
kgioia@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Jeff Ayers (Opinion), Diana Giunta (Sports), Megan Brancaccio (Life), Julia Weichert (Arts), Kruti Kansara (Photo), Stephen Hudecek (Copy)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Amanda Hayward, Katie Knee, Matthew Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunggaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott, Ally Perleoni, Stephanie Corcoran

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Katy Jones  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Manager

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Questioning the price of education

Many times, professors require students to purchase books that they wrote.

Some students have complained about this seemingly greedy and self-serving practice, arguing that there are better editions of the material.

They see it as an abuse of power.

However, it may not be as bad as it seems.

Purchasing a book written by your teacher may be beneficial to the student as well as the professor.

Not only do the professors make very little of the sale of their own textbooks, but there are legitimate reasons why it is better to for professors to teach with books they wrote.

First, writing books furthers their knowledge and grasp of the subject matter.

There is an enormous amount of time, effort and research that goes into writing a book, and the process enriches the professor's understanding of the material.

If we discourage professors from writing books by not purchasing them, we will ultimately be hurting ourselves.

Textbooks written by professors are also just as expensive as other similar texts. However, unlike other textbooks, professors are more familiar with self-written material.

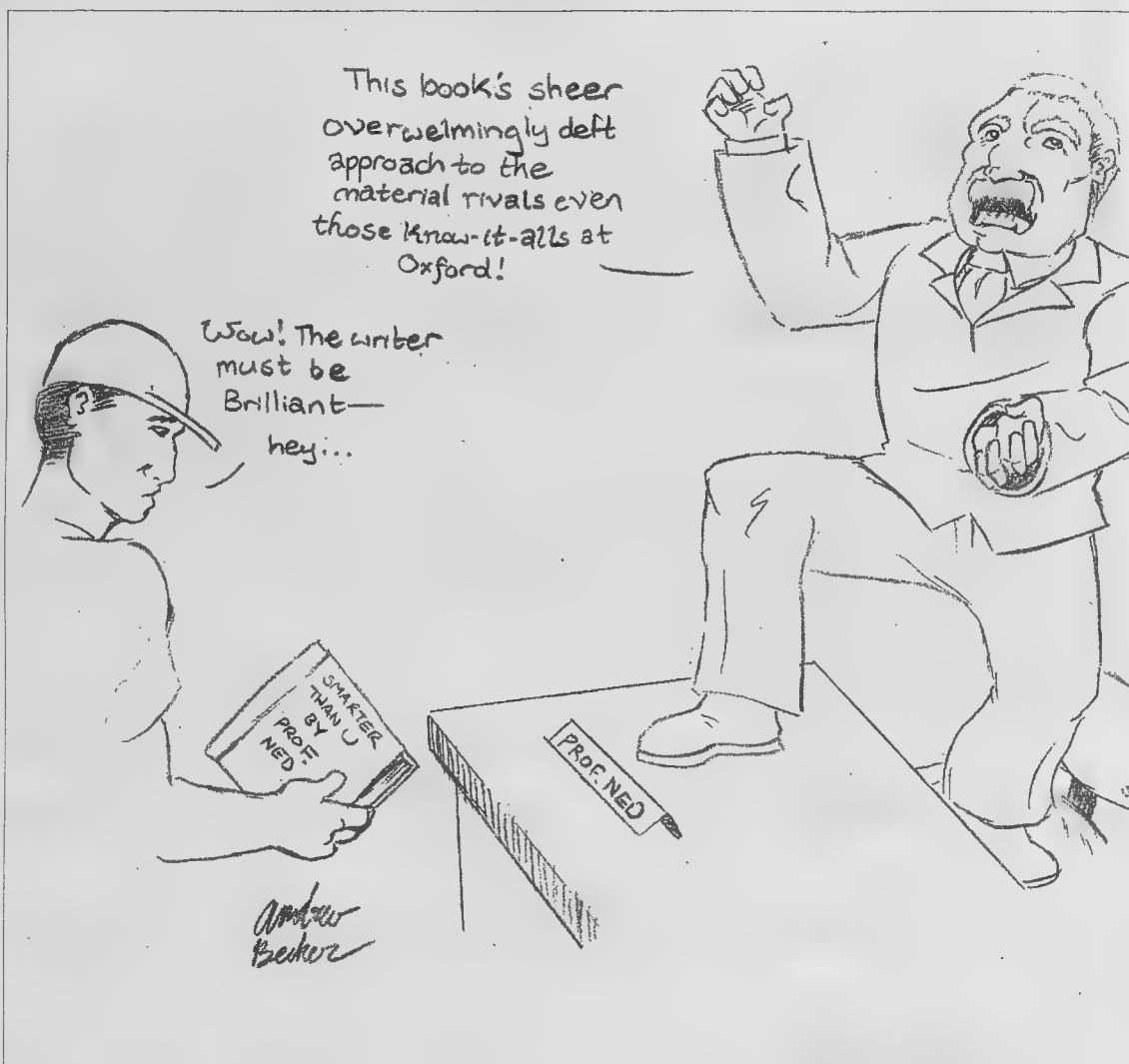
There is no guessing what the author meant. A student can simply ask the professor what a passage means and get an answer instead of speculation.

In the end, the tools and materials implemented by the professors to assist in teaching students are ultimately the professor's decision, and we should trust it.

To avoid the abuse of purchase power, professors should permit students to purchase other versions of the text, allowing the student to decide which edition, author or publication allows for the best interpretation of the material.

Professors can still recommend their version, but also other equally reputable editions.

The *Cynic* believes that the responsibility of academic honesty also applies to the professor. We should be able to trust him or her to use the best materials available, whether it is written by the professor or anyone else.



## COLUMNISTS



KATELYN MOHEN

## Generation misconception

Were you born in the '80s? How about the '90s?

If so, welcome. You are one of the many members of an enormous group known as Generation Y, or the Millennials.

We are a bright-eyed wave of young people on the brink of taking over this country and all of its problems.

Recently, I began to pick up on the generational stereotypes thrown around by older folks that are aimed at the young people of today.

As pleased as our families seem about the outstanding educations we receive at school, I have been sensing some skepticism about our

competence and work ethic.

We are frequently pegged unfairly by older generations as a bunch of lazy technology rats, too swept up in our own lives.

I, for one, am sick of these unfair labels.

It's about time that our youthful contributions to this country be recognized.

By contributions, I mean the great work a large number of Generation Y members are doing in organizations, communities and campuses across the country — especially here in Burlington.

Generation Y has a huge population of volunteers, bursting with leadership and ambition that deserves to have questions like "What's wrong with kids these days?" dropped.

At UVM, a great deal of students are involved in volunteering for some type of on-campus club or organization.

Many choose Alternative Spring Break, where students can tackle current issues such as homelessness or poverty through community service projects, or create a delicious concoction through FeelGood to contribute money to The

Hunger Project.

Through these groups and more, UVM students don't ignore the issues.

Furthermore, of the many organizations and clubs that specialize in community service, a number of them advertise and operate through websites and social networks like Facebook and Twitter in order to get people involved.

As a generation notorious for our investment in the Internet and the latest technology, young Millennials should be recognized for the many ways we use technology to better our communities.

Sure, it's easy for your grandma to mistake your habits and possessions as signs of gluttony and laziness, but our lifestyles are much different from those with which our parents and grandparents were ever familiar.

That aside, it is time for a misconception overhaul.

Generation Y is more than just a bunch of text-addicted Facebookers — we are a generation of volunteers and forward thinkers.

*Katelyn Mohen is a freshman English major. She has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"COMMON SENSE AMERICANS KNOW THE DIRECTION WE NEED TO TAKE THIS COUNTRY AND THAT SARAH PALIN WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN TAKING US THERE THIS YEAR."**

— Meg Stapleton, Sarah Palin's Senior Advisor, after Palin's political action committee raised \$1.4 million in the last six months of 2009

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Haiti: the foreign policy wake up call



ZACH DESPART

The devastating earthquake in Haiti caught the eyes of the world and the attention of the United States government, which has pledged millions of dollars in aid and deployed military personnel to the region.

We are responding as we should to the country that was the poorest in the Western hemisphere before the quake.

But what about the rest of Latin America?

Despite its proximity the United States, the U.S. government has largely ignored

Haiti and the rest of Latin America for decades. The issue of aiding Latin America is not a partisan one. Rather, it has been political suicide for both parties.

President Nixon once remarked to a young Donald Rumsfeld: "People don't give a damn about Latin America." The extent of our interest is keeping Latin Americans out of the United States, so it seems.

While it is not as poor as Sudan or the Congo, Latin America is too unstable for American investment, yet not dangerous enough to warrant our attention, like Afghanistan and Pakistan.

This is not to say that America does not have enemies in the Middle East, only that we have more than 60,000 troops in Afghanistan and zero in Mexico, where powerful drug cartels threaten the stability of the Mexican

government.

We are an ocean away from Afghanistan, yet share a 2,000 mile border with Mexico, where violence spills into our cities, in San Diego and El Paso, Texas.

In her address at Ira Allen Chapel Jan. 26, Soledad O'Brien discussed the situation in Haiti, where she had been just days before.

She cited a quote from Dante: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of great moral crises, maintain their neutrality." This is the essence of our dilemma.

We pride ourselves on helping impoverished African nations and fostering democracy in Iraq, yet remain neutral in the region that has the most unequal distribution of wealth and has governments who are threatened by organized gangs that are better armed than the governments.

There are legitimate threats that the United States faces around the globe – North Korea, Afghanistan, Pakistan – but can we risk an economic or political collapse of a region we share a land and sea border with?

Latin America consumes 20 percent of our exports, while we import one third of our oil from the region.

An economic or political collapse in Latin America could destabilize the region and have serious repercussions in the United States.

The 7.0 tremor in Haiti was a distress call that we couldn't ignore, but it is the tragedies in Latin America – which don't garner worldwide attention – that we need to pay closer attention to in the future.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since Fall 2009.*



JEFF AYERS

## Tenure vs. effectiveness

We've all had that older teacher who was just going through the motions. Whether they were adverse to technology or just lamented the "good 'ol days," they just didn't quite get the job done.

These types of teachers just can't connect to students anymore.

And unfortunately, they populate almost every middle school and high school nationwide.

Usually they are "beloved institutions" at their respective establishments and outdate most of the bricks laid in the foundation.

In Vermont public schools, these teachers are being rewarded for having managed to hang around for so long.

While reading an article in the *Burlington Free Press* about a competition between public schools for federal grant money, I learned that the Vermont school system traditionally "rewards educators on the basis of longevity."

This means that the out-of-touch teachers are not only keeping their jobs, they are getting paid more for every year they don't get fired.

The teachers with engaging lessons and dynamic teaching methods, whose students perform better on standardized tests, will be paid less just because they haven't had their job as long.

I believe that this is unfair.

Teacher performance should play a much bigger role in determining salary. As of right now, the best method for measuring student ability is standardized testing, whether you like it or not.

Teachers whose students get higher scores on standardized tests should be receiving the highest salaries.

Unfortunately, due to overly strong teachers' unions, changing the salary criteria or removing out-of-date teachers is an arduous task.

The public trusts Vermont's school system to provide the best education possible, and the current criteria determining teacher pay doesn't hold them accountable for their performance, only for how long they have been performing.

Teachers should be judged based on what they do in a classroom, not how long they have been standing in one.

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Tweeting away your privacy rights

You think you're pretty clever with your witty status updates and with all your followers hanging onto your every tired Twitter-Tweet?

Those pictures of you and your girlfriends funneling vodka will never see the light of day because you have them set to private, right?

And no one can hold those remarks you made about wanting to set fire to the library during finals against you, can they?

Well guess again friends, because all of us are getting owned by the social-networking

sites we rely on for everything from party planning, communication, Facebook-stalking, blogging – you name it.

Look closely at those Terms and Conditions we all knowingly accept without reading. You lose the rights to everything – from your witty updates to those snapshots of last weekend – the minute you post them.

Sure, you "own" the material you post, technically.

However, once you post it – according to most Terms and Conditions – you give your networking site du jour the rights to use the material any way they see fit.

From using it in an ad or removing the content in general, to handing it to authorities – the material belongs to them.

And while we're on the subject of rights, let's talk about what you have the right to post on these sites.

Really, you can post anything you damn well please, but the veil of anonymity the Internet sometimes gives us is not an iron curtain.

Everything you say – everything – can and will be

held against you. Forever.

Take Paul Chambers, for example.

According to NY Daily News, Chambers – irate that the Robin Hood Airport in Doncaster, England was shut down because of heavy snow – Tweeted that the airport had "a week and a bit to get your shit together, otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high!!"

A week later, he was

From using it in an ad or removing the content in general, to handing it to authorities—the material belongs to them.

arrested under anti-terrorism laws and now all of his fancy social-networking gadgets belong to the authorities.

This case is hard to dispute, as the authorities did have a legitimate reason for arresting him.

So instead, let's take the case of Adorian Deck, the young genius behind the Twitter blog @OMGFacts, as a different example.

Deck would post little tidbits of information on his blog.

Most of the time he posted just trivial, unsubstantial facts taken found with Google. However, when he blogged that MLK Jr. spent his last night on earth having sex with two women, social networkers around the Internet set fire to his blog. Metaphorically.

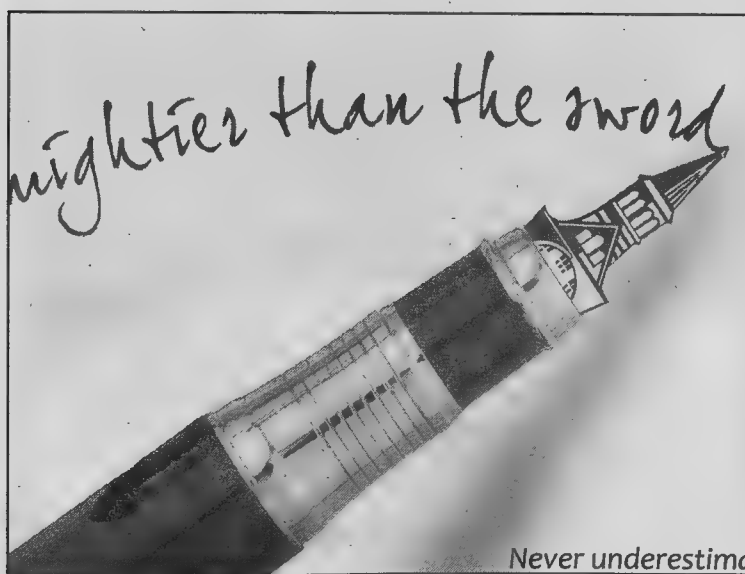
Deck and Chambers aren't the only two bloggers bigoted by their brethren, either.

Bloggers all over the Internet receive hate mail and death threats – others have had their blogs shut down simply for what they say.

You may be "free" to say whatever you want, but the power of the Internet gives everyone from celebrities to reporters, from your professor to your Grandma – even the authorities – the right to share their opinions about your opinions with everyone else around the world, so watch what you say.

Your innocent Tweets just got serious.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



## OPINION

It's your pen. Your voice.  
Your way to make change.

Never underestimate the power of the written word. [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)



# Healthy tips for on-campus nutrition

## UVM dietitian reveals how she helps students find the good eats



**BAILEY CUMMINGS** | The Vermont Cynic  
Candace Polzella is UVM's staff dietitian. She counsels students on nutritional decisions and works primarily with athletes on eating and maintaining healthy standards.

By Eryn Rishell  
Cynic Correspondent

After a month of home-cooked meals, beginning another semester of on-campus dining may make those nightly chicken strips from the Marché sound not so appealing anymore.

Candace Polzella, a registered staff dietitian and instructor at the University of Vermont, who has a Bachelor of Science from the University, is here to guide students on their dining choices.

With her twinkling eyes and calm, friendly demeanor, Polzella not only offers sound advice, but also knows how to listen and, at UVM, she has plenty to hear.

**The Vermont Cynic:** Who might work with a dietitian on campus?

**Candace Polzella:** Somebody who has diabetes, allergies, Celiac disease ... anything! Also, I see a lot of people in club sports, or active people in general.

People [also come in] who want information on child nutrition, pregnancy, Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, picky eaters and lactose intolerance — even out-[of]-the-ordinary ailments and illnesses can come to me as well.

**V.C.:** What about students who don't fit into those categories?

**Polzella:** It doesn't have to be a "problem" situation.

Things I hear from students include: "Every time I buy fruits and vegetables, they go bad before I can eat them," "I live in an apartment and I don't have much money to buy food," "I don't drink milk, where else can I get calcium?" "I want to lose a few pounds," and "I want to become a vegetarian and how do I do it right?"

Most everyone could identify with one of these types of questions, and it helps them realize they don't have to have a problem to come and chat.

**V.C.:** Do you see many clients more than once?

**Polzella:** I try to, and generally do. I have people I see once every two weeks or once a month, while later appointments may be more spaced out. I want to check in on what worked and what didn't.

I am also seeing a lot of people who want help with dining hall decisions or cooking on their own in their first apartment.

**V.C.:** What brought you back after graduating to counsel at

UVM?

**Polzella:** I am a Vermonter! I traveled all over the United States with my husband after I graduated and I got my graduate degree in Denver, [but] I wanted to come back to be with family.

**V.C.:** How do you eat at home?

**Polzella:** I will eat anything but raw onions, and I eat frequently.

Now that I think about it, there is not a lot that I buy.

Right now, I grow my own vegetables and can and freeze them, so I am eating whatever is in the garden.

To me, it is more important that it is fresh. I am not a vegetarian, but I lean in that direction.

I used to have hens for fresh eggs. We eat lots of pasta — my husband is Italian.

**V.C.:** How much does it cost to see a dietitian at UVM?

**Polzella:** Nothing! Well, I shouldn't say nothing. The student health fee covers all visits.

You have already paid for it, so take advantage of the service. There are no additional costs above the student health fee. Call 656-FOOD for an appointment.

## Campus RehabGYM

### New Burlington Location!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

**Maria Thibault, PT, ATC,** formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.

## Tally me banana



MICHAEL MALEK

Taste isn't the only thing that makes a meal — presentation can be just as fundamental.

Bananas Foster is a fiery dish that can add a sense of drama to any occasion.

A word of caution: this recipe involves setting alcohol on fire in a frying pan — cool, I know — so be safe and take appropriate fire safety precautions.

To delight four to six guests you will need:

- 4 slightly underripe, firm bananas
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 stick of unsalted butter (4 tablespoons)
- 1/3 cup dark or spiced rum
- 1 orange and/or lemon

- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 medium size frying pan

Begin by placing your frying pan over low heat and letting the butter melt.

Add cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla extract and sugar to the pan and mix.

Leave your mixture simmering slowly on low heat.

Take your chosen citrus and zest it with a grater until you have a small handful of shredded rind. Add this to the pan of your mixture.

Cut the lemon/orange in half and squeeze a few tablespoons of juice into the pan.

Peel the bananas and split them all in half lengthwise. Place them in the pan and keep the bananas from getting too close to each other or they might stick.

Cook the pieces of banana for one minute on each side while spooning the sauce gently over them.

Turn off the lights and

keep clothes, long hair and elbows out of the way.

Slowly pour the rum into the pan.

If the sauce is hot enough, the rum may ignite on its own. If not, strike a match and set the bananas ablaze.

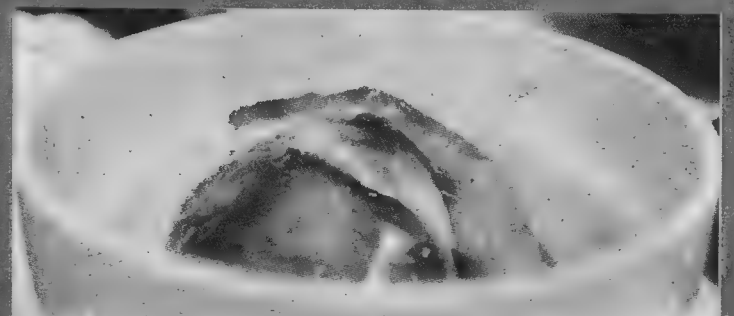
The inferno should continue for one to two minutes, or until the rum burns out.

If it seems like the bananas are burning, you should be able to blow out the flame, but don't be afraid to let the bananas brown or even blacken a little.

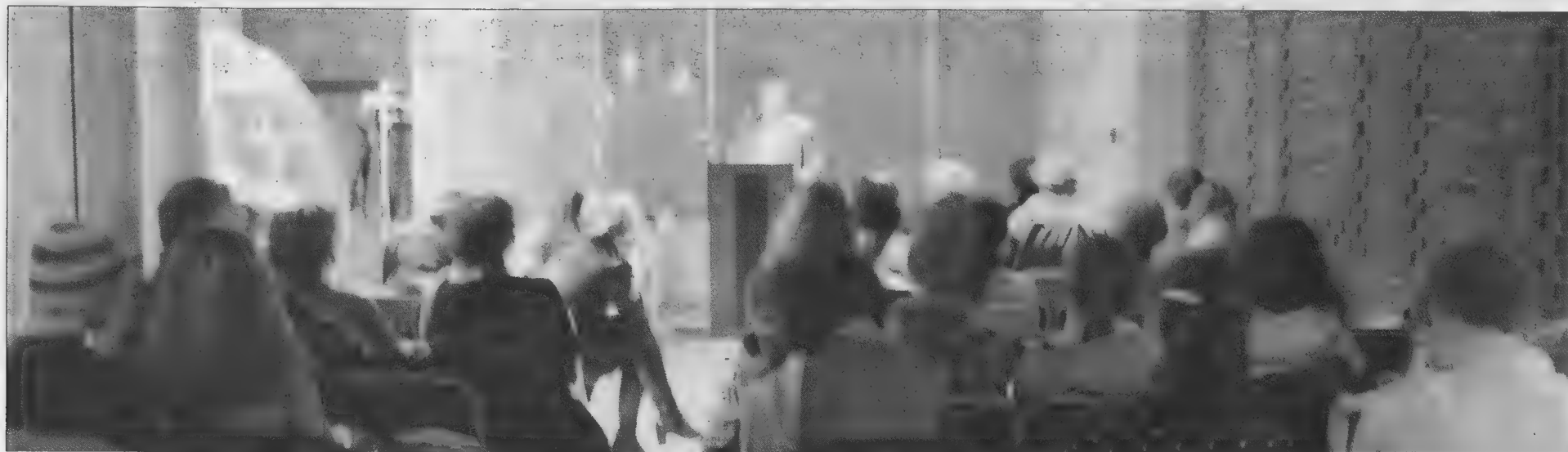
The remaining liquid should be thick and syrupy and the bananas should have a caramelized taste.

If the sauce is still hot, remove the bananas from the pan and let it continue cooking for a minute or two to thicken.

For the grand finale, serve the bananas on plates or in bowls and garnish with the sauce from the pan, ice cream, chocolate, nuts and whipped cream.







ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic  
English Professor Tony Magistrale reads from his published and unpublished poetry in the Fleming Museum on Jan. 25. Magistrale was accompanied by Spanish professor Tina Escaja, who read from her poetry in Spanish.

## Painted Word sheds a new light on poetry

By Madeleine Gibson  
Cynic Correspondent

In an age of instant entertainment, the idea of attending a poetry reading might seem academic and unpleasurable to students.

Yet two UVM professors are striving to recapture this digital generation through their contemporary poetry.

English department chair Tony Magistrale and Spanish professor Tina Escaja gave readings from their published and unpublished works on Jan. 25 at the Fleming Museum.

In their distinctly different voices, Magistrale and Escaja

pulled upon common human experience, from imaginary lovers to the reality of childbirth as a physical sacrifice as themes for their works.

Magistrale, a UVM professor of 26 years, is known for his love of the Gothic. His recently published book of poems, "What She Says About Love," includes dark, possessively passionate images of vampire loves.

His aunt sparked his obsession with the grotesque, as she introduced him to horror films and "The Twilight Zone."

Magistrale's vampire romances are set in Italy, where the imagery of black leather gloves and Venice linger in his

words. The motif of temptation and dangerous love are recurrent, as are basic human desires.

"Students see poetry as a mystical experience only the teacher has the right answer to," Magistrale said. "Rap music is poetry, the sound of language. It's accessible, stuff that matters right here, right now."

While Magistrale is passionate about poetry, he realizes that students should be exposed to all types of literature in school.

"[It's] critical in a liberal arts environment," he said. "If they don't get it in school, they won't get it elsewhere."

Angela Patten, a professor of poetry, requires her students

to attend at least one such event each semester.

"I think they're extremely important," Patten said. "They help students develop their tastes and begin to distinguish between good and bad poetry, between poets who read well and poets who read badly."

Poetry readings are an alternative to watching the tube or zoning out in front of a computer.

"TV is death," Magistrale said. "This is not healthy in stimulating the mind, as a vehicle for people who come back from a deadening job."

The experiences of the poets are those of people from all

walks of life, as evidenced in even just the differences between Magistrale's American accent and Escaja's Spanish accent.

Freshman Connor Eaton has attended two of "The Painted Word" poetry readings this year.

"I think people just need to get up and try to find that poet who really speaks to them and who they are," he said.

The two poets hope that other students will follow Eaton's lead and find the hidden meaning in this historic art form.

But the trend has yet to catch on to the digital generation, as only a few students attended the reading in the small lobby of the Fleming.



**welcome back**



**students**

show us your **valid college id** & get a  
**free sandwich**

w/purchase of a large fry & medium drink



Offer Valid at McDonald's in South Burlington (Includes the University Mall),  
Essex, Essex Junction, & Colchester VT

**Fight poverty and climate change  
with Oxfam Action Corps! Great  
volunteer and training opportunity.  
Willing to reach out to others in  
your community to call for climate  
legislation? Gain leadership  
skills, have fun, change the world!**

**Sign up by February 15. [www.oxfamactioncorps.org](http://www.oxfamactioncorps.org)**

**PREMIUM ARTISTIC STREETWEAR**

**B-XCLUSIVE**

Parasuco  
IMKing  
Live Mechanics  
Rise Up  
Dub Wise  
Dead Cities  
Conart  
Tank Theory  
Alador & Smith  
New Era  
Married to the Mob  
and many more...

Plus a Huge Bat Bookie Selection

**WWW.BXCLUSIVESTREETWEAR.COM**

Limited Quantities and Exclusives  
Free Shipping and Reasonable Prices

## Painting, teaching take form

By Julia Weichert  
Asst. Arts Editor

UVM studio art professor Sean Dye places just as much emphasis on painting as teaching. Yet, for Dye, being an artist and being a painter overlap.

On Jan. 21 at the Shelburne Art Center, Dye spoke about his paintings and his experiences making and teaching art.

Dye not only paints and teaches, but he paints while he teaches.

"I start a lot of my paintings as demos and lectures," Dye said. "I'm kind of just bringing my studio to another location."

Yet his location in Vermont has affected Dye's art.

"I was doing abstract and naturalistic paintings concurrently for a number of years," Dye said. Now he focuses on the latter.

His paintings, on the walls of the Art Center, predominately depict pastoral landscapes — mountain valleys, local farms and occasionally, downtown Burlington.

However, working in Vermont has its drawbacks — the climate can get in the way of working outside.

"The work I do outside helps me so much inside, [but,] I work a lot in studio because of our location," Dye said.

When Dye must work in the studio, he paints from original photography.



JOSH LEE | The Vermont Cynic  
Sean Dye discusses his work and teaching styles in his 2-D Art classroom, where he has been teaching for 15 years.

"I use my camera like a sketchbook," Dye said. "It's a blessing and a curse — I can't go anywhere without saying 'oh, that'd make a good photograph.'"

There is some variation in the style of Dye's paintings but, whether this is intentional or not, the attendees enjoyed it.

"I love his bold strokes," Charlotte resident Peggy Blanchett said, regarding "Barn Near Dirt Road." "You know it's a tree, but you can't see each individual leaf."

But Dye does not have one

overarching style.

"Some are very realistic, some less," Dye said. "The size of a pastel limits me realistically — whatever I can get is what belongs in my painting."

On the business side, Dye expressed the necessity of actively following up on customer inquiries.

"It's just amazing that people want to buy a painting and not a dishwasher," Dye said. "So you have to follow up on it."

"If you don't follow up on it, it's going to slip away," he said.



# CALENDAR

weds.03: voices panel: transgender students  
**6.30pm, cwp rotunda**

weds.03: comedian eric o'shea  
**8.00pm, brennan's**

thur.04: vagina monologues open mic  
**9pm, l/l fireplace lounge**

fri.05: first friday art walk  
**5.00pm, around town**

sat.06: snowshoe w/ the outing club  
**8.00am, outside@uvm.edu**

sat.06: film "precious"  
**8 & 11pm, billings lecture hall**

**uvm.edu/bored**



King Street Laundry

72 King Street, Burlington

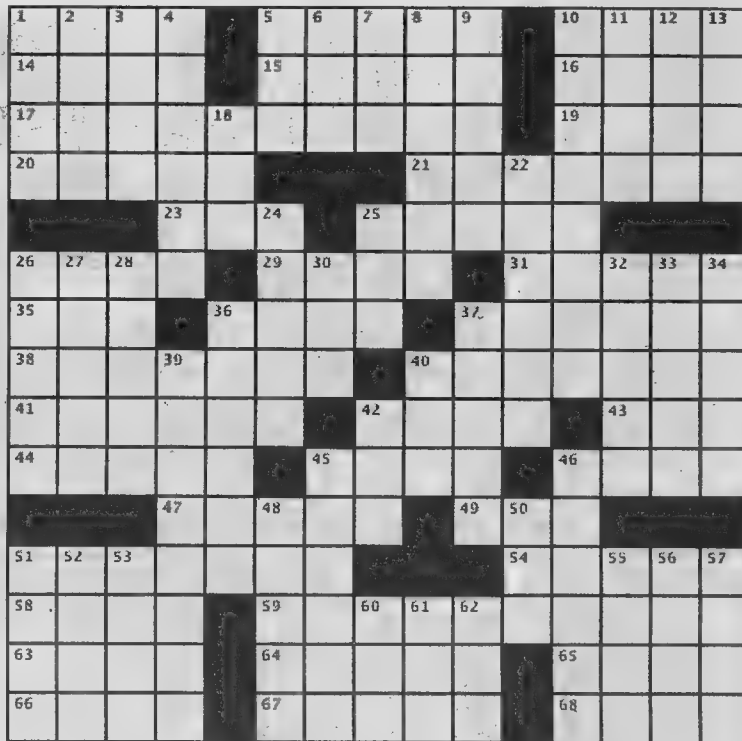
802-651-0838

We'll Do YOUR LAUNDRY \$99/Semester

Pick-Up & Drop-Off Included! \*Must Show Student ID

Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



ACROSS

- 1- Egyptian deity  
5- Apparel  
10- Ninny  
14- Air France destination  
15- Cruising vessel  
16- Baylor's city  
17- Supplying a deficiency  
19- Mid-month times  
20- Kind of question  
21- Ailment  
23- Alley \_\_\_\_  
25- \_\_\_\_ a million  
26- Moat  
29- Architect Mies van der \_\_\_\_  
31- Prospect  
35- Eureka!  
36- Broadcasts  
37- Wise counselor  
38- Pungent sauce  
40- Room for surgical operations  
41- Excite  
42- Consecrated  
43- Actress Peeples  
44- Starbucks order  
45- It may be compact  
46- Cut of meat

DOWN

- 1- Bouquet  
2- Authentic  
3- Mountain range in central Europe  
4- Greek god of sleep  
5- Coloring material  
6- Deserter  
7- Green prefix  
8- Reliquary  
9- Genre  
10- Union  
11- Walk in water  
12- Frozen treats  
13- Chuck  
18- John in England

- 22- Distinctive uniform  
24- Cost  
25- Quaker cereal  
26- Deadly  
27- Butler's love  
28- Wooden shoe;  
30- Guadalajara gold  
32- Shorthand taker  
33- Japanese gateway  
34- Of Nordic stock  
36- Acquiescence  
37- Swindle  
39- Self-fertilization  
40- Brillo rival  
42- In \_\_\_\_  
45- Injury  
46- Simple shed  
48- Mineral used as a gem  
50- Go downhill fast  
51- Actress Petty  
52- Pitcher Hershiser  
53- Final Four org.  
55- Graph prefix  
56- Salt Lake City hoopsters  
57- Dry run  
60- Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_  
61- Cockpit abbr.  
62- Mystery writer Josephine

Start Your Career in Accounting.



Northeastern's MS in Accounting/MBA for non-accounting majors:

- Earn two degrees in just 15 months.
- Complete a 3-month paid residency at a leading accounting firm.
- Proven track record of 100% job placement.

Take the first step.

Visit us online or at an information session near you. Learn more about the program and upcoming events at [www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu).

617-373-3244  
gspa@neu.edu  
www.msamba.neu.edu

Northeastern University

Sudoku

Easy

	7			4		6		
				1	7	4	8	
	9	5	6	3			2	
1	8		3	2		5		
2								9
		9		5	4		7	2
	1			9	6	3	5	
	4	2	1	7				
		6		8			1	

Hard

	1	5			8	3		
				6				2
7		3						
4				2	7	1		
		7	1	3				8
						8		6
2				8				
		9	4			7	3	



2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



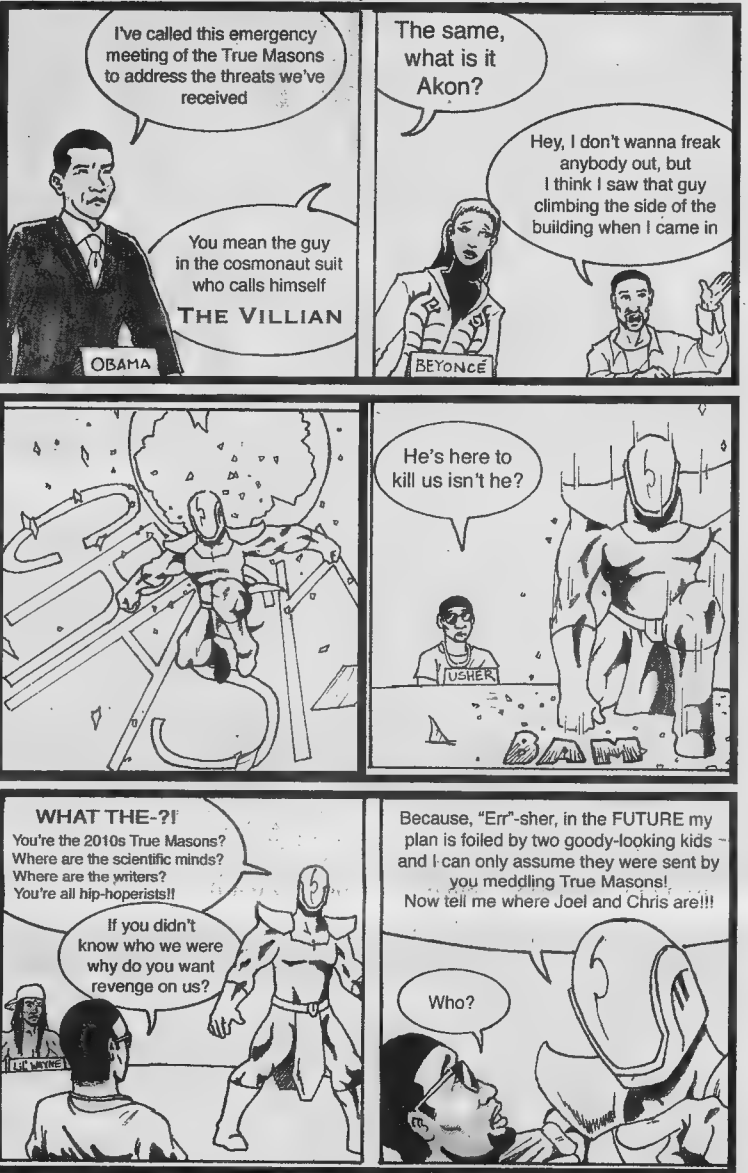
Dog Days - Part 1 of 3 By DJ Cohen



Dog Days - Part 2 of 3 By DJ Cohen



Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



Looking for answers to the crossword puzzle this week? Stop by the bulletin board by the Cynic office for the solution!

nightier than the sword

**COMICS**  
Your pen. Your voice.

Never underestimate the power of the written word. [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

**Electric Beach Hair & Tanning**  
Where it's all about you

**\$5 off any single tanning service or \$10 off any hair service**

all college cards accepted

1166 Williston Road, South Burlington  
864-1500 • [www.electricbeachvt.com](http://www.electricbeachvt.com)

- Cutting
- Styling
- Coloring
- Waxing
- Perming
- Conditioning
- Licensed Massages
- Spacapsule Massages
- Facials
- Weightloss Body Wraps
- 7 Levels of Tanning:
  - High Pressure
  - Face Tanner
  - Leg Tanner
  - Spray Tanning



## Sports Shorts

### Vermont athletics set to help Treats for Our Troops

The UVM athletic program is teaming up with South Burlington High School in an effort to aid soldiers fighting the war in Afghanistan.

The goal of the Treats for Our Troops program is to create and send 500 individual care packages to the men and women currently deployed.

Some of the greatest needs for items are baby wipes, DVDs, snacks and Listerine PocketPaks.

In addition to donating items to help build the care packages, fans can pay the \$12.00 postage required to send the box to the soldiers. Treats for Our Troops will be collecting items at home Vermont athletic events until Feb. 12.

### Men's basketball team struggling

Everything seemed to be in place for the Catamounts after winning 12 of 13 games and seven in a row going into its game against Stony Brook on Jan. 21. But after three straight losses against Stony Brook, New Hampshire and Binghamton, the Catamounts' future is as uncertain as ever.

The last time they lost three straight America East Conference games was during the 2007-2008 season. Before the three-game losing streak, national experts such as ESPN's Joe Lunardi picked Vermont to win the conference tournament and make the NCAA Tournament in March.

### Arenas, Crittenton suspended for season amidst gun charges

Washington Wizards players Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton were both suspended for the season by NBA commissioner David Stern for their roles in a locker room incident involving handguns.

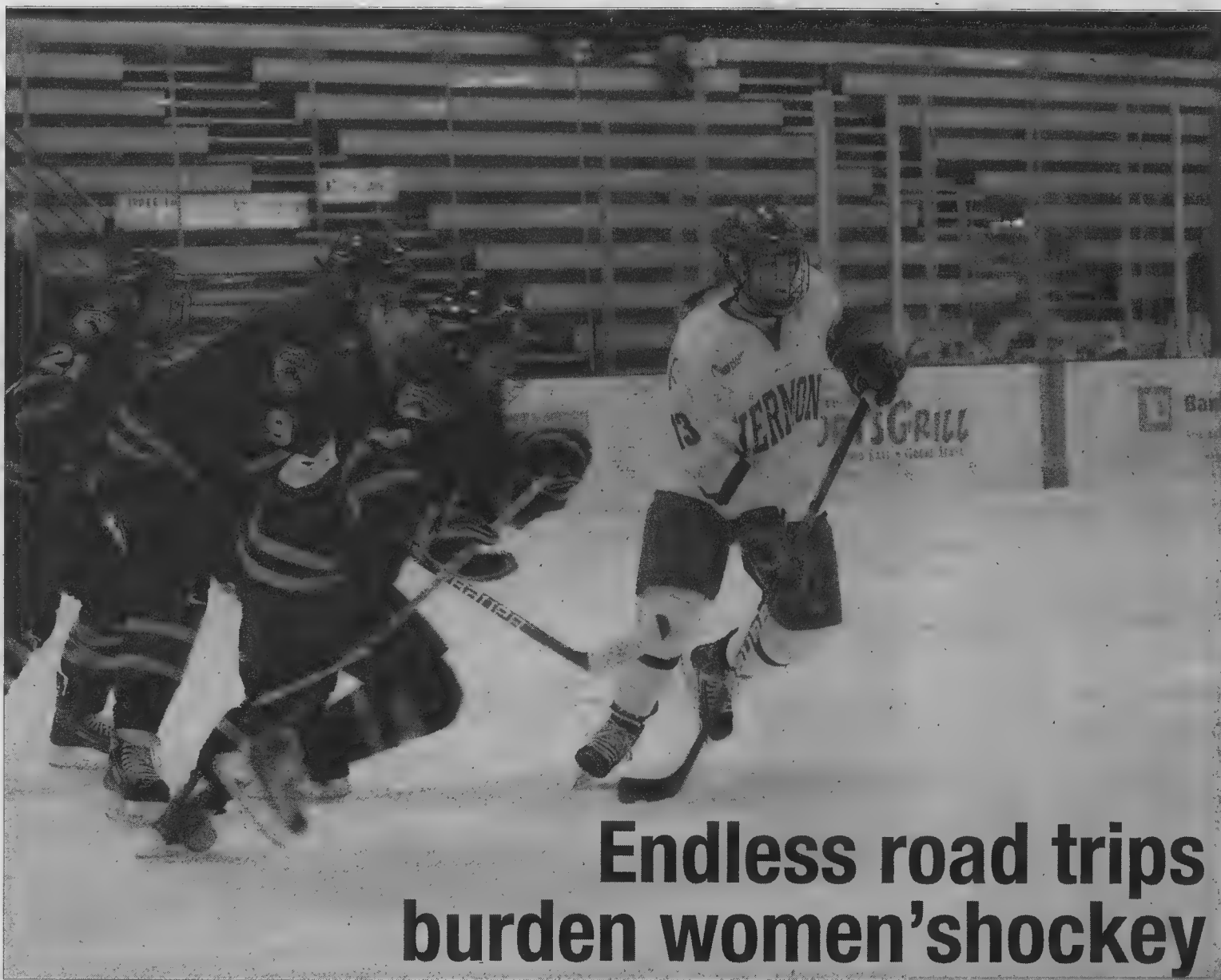
Allegedly, the two players engaged in a verbal argument, which escalated into physical threats during which both players drew concealed handguns from their lockers.

Arenas still awaits sentencing for his felony gun possession charge, which could land him in prison for six months.

### Two top NFL quarterbacks likely on their way out

Two of the best quarterbacks in the NFC last season are both likely to retire this offseason. Brett Favre and Kurt Warner have both hinted at hanging up the spikes, although nothing official has been announced.

Brett Favre has been in this situation countless times before, and it should surprise no one if he decides to come back and play another season.



## Endless road trips burden women's hockey

BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Junior Teddy Fortin (13) skates away from defenders during a rare home game at Gutterson Fieldhouse for the women's hockey team.

By Nicole Galle  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of their 2009-2010 season, things were going well for the women's hockey team.

After losing to McGill in a preseason game, the team was able to defeat Union in both of the weekend series' games.

With that momentum, the team was able to defeat Clarkson, the fourth-ranked team in the nation, as well as Princeton, for the first time in UVM's history.

But after the two-game series against Princeton, they lost both games of a weekend series against Northeastern.

The Catamounts have been on the road since the Northeastern series, during

which they lost 12 games and notched one win and a tie against Boston College.

"Our first half of the year we played very well, but we had a whole bunch of road games to start the second half," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "It's obviously more fun for everybody to play at home, and we play a little better at home."

"If we want to be a good team, we have to learn to win on the road," he said.

After such a big losing streak, the team has been trying to improve certain aspects of their play and games in hopes of securing a playoff berth.

"I think we need to stay positive through the entire game and not let down, even if they are up by a goal or two," senior captain Brittany Nelson

said. "It's just about consistency at this point."

A big thing that the team is still working on is the powerplay, which has been difficult to convert into goals

**"If we want to be a good team, we have to learn to win on the road."**

Tim Bothwell

Women's ice hockey  
head coach

this season.

"In practice, we will be working on the powerplay, because we are still struggling

in that area," Bothwell said.

"We really believe that we have the people that can run a good powerplay, and we have done it at times, we're just stuck in the mud right now."

The team recently defeated Boston University, bringing them to an overall record of 7-17-1.

The ladies hope to notch a few more wins and make the Hockey East playoffs, which mathematically, is still possible.

"I would like to see us win a couple more games and enjoy what we have left of this season," Nelson said. "I'm a senior and this is my last hurrah, so I just want to have fun with everybody, play hard in every game and never let down, and hopefully we will get a few wins out of it."

## UVM's Donaldson is the fastest Cat

Sophomore skier helps propel the Catamounts to the top in winter carnivals

By Erik Worden  
Staff Writer

The UVM and St. Lawrence carnivals gave sophomore David Donaldson more to celebrate.

At the UVM carnival at Stowe and the St. Lawrence carnival at Whiteface Mountain, N.Y., Donaldson raced for his 10th career win, along with Jurgen Uhl, who claimed first for the Catamounts in 10k Nordic skiing.

Both Donaldson and Uhl, along with six other Catamounts, finished in the top 10 for their respective races, a solid contribution to UVM's second place finish behind Dartmouth.

The carnivals consist of giant slalom, slalom and downhill, where the racers compete for the lowest time.

The team with the overall lowest score wins the carnival.

"The scoring is like track and field," Donaldson said. "Except the team that accumulates the lowest score wins."

A national champion in giant slalom, Donaldson is no stranger to the podium. His ranking is impressive.

"Right now I'm in the top five for slalom," he said. "But since I won the first [giant slalom], I'm currently first in that."

In his time at UVM, Donaldson has had 11 top 10 finishes and won first place overall in giant slalom in the Eastern Championships.

He has also been named Rookie of the Year and been invited to ski on the Canadian National Team.

Born in Ontario, Donaldson

skied on the Ontario Provincial Ski Team for three years before coming to UVM, where he raced giant slalom and was the overall champion.

Last year, he was named the UVM men's skiing MVP after a stellar season in which he made the top 10 in nearly every race.

Two weeks ago, Donaldson competed in our own UVM Carnival, where he placed first. After a rough start with a fall in his first run, Donaldson fought back to third place in his second run.

However, Donaldson believes that it's not skill alone that gives him his winning edge.

After his giant slalom win at UVM's carnival, Donaldson "felt good, had a good breakfast and three cups of coffee, and was ready to go," he said.

But Donaldson doesn't

worry about fueling himself before the race with the breakfast of champions.

"[It was] a typical morning, nothing changes," Donaldson said.

The continuous podium finishes don't seem to be changing either, as Donaldson enters his second winning season with a bang.

He'll have to share that spotlight with his teammates, as they, too, continue to post considerable scores and top 10 finishes.

"This year we're a lot more consistent as a team," Donaldson said, which he hopes will lead to more podium finishes for UVM.

"I'm pretty excited ... We have a shot at the NCAA title as a team," Donaldson said. "We're stronger than ever."





## ← last week

## Men's basketball

01/17

## Stony Brook 65, Vermont 60

After winning 12 of their last 13 games, and seven straight, the Catamounts could not rally past Stony Brook.

Junior Joey Accaoui had a chance to tie the game with a step back three with 19 seconds left but could not convert.

## Men's hockey

01/23

## No. 15 UMass 3, No. 17 Vermont 1

Two of the nation's top scorers, Casey Wellman and James Marcou, scored all three goals for the Minutemen who have won four straight games. Rob Madore had 28 saves and senior Jay Anctil scored his first goal of the season for the Catamounts.

## Men's hockey

01/24

## No. 15 UMass 0, No. 17 Vermont 3

Less than 24 hours after a 3-1 loss, the Catamounts shut out UMass 3-0 Sunday afternoon. Vermont went 9-9 on the penalty kill and Rob Madore stopped 31 shots to record his third career shutout. Senior Colin Vock, freshman Drew Mackenzie and junior Wahsontio Stacey all scored goals for the Catamounts.

## Men's basketball

01/24

## Binghamton 73, Vermont 67

The Catamounts lost their second game in a row after losing at Binghamton last Sunday. Senior Maurice Joseph led the Catamounts with 29 points. The Cats held the lead late but a 9-0 run by the Bearcats took away UVM's shot at a win.

## Women's basketball

01/24

## Vermont 67, Stony Brook 45

Seniors Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos combined for 39 of the 67 Catamount points on their way to the 16th win of the season.

## Women's basketball

01/26

## Hartford 38, Vermont 36

In matchup of two of the top teams in the America East Conference, Hartford's Diana Delva put back a missed layup with 2.2 seconds left to hand Vermont their second loss in four games.

## next week →

## Wednesday

02/03

## Women's hockey vs. New Hampshire

7 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Men's basketball vs. Maine

7 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Women's basketball @ Maine

7:30 p.m.

## Friday

02/05

## Men's hockey @ Providence

7 p.m.

## Saturday

02/06

## Men's hockey @ Providence

7 p.m.

## Men's basketball @ UMBC

3 p.m.

## Women's basketball @ Albany

4:30 p.m.

## Women's hockey vs. Maine

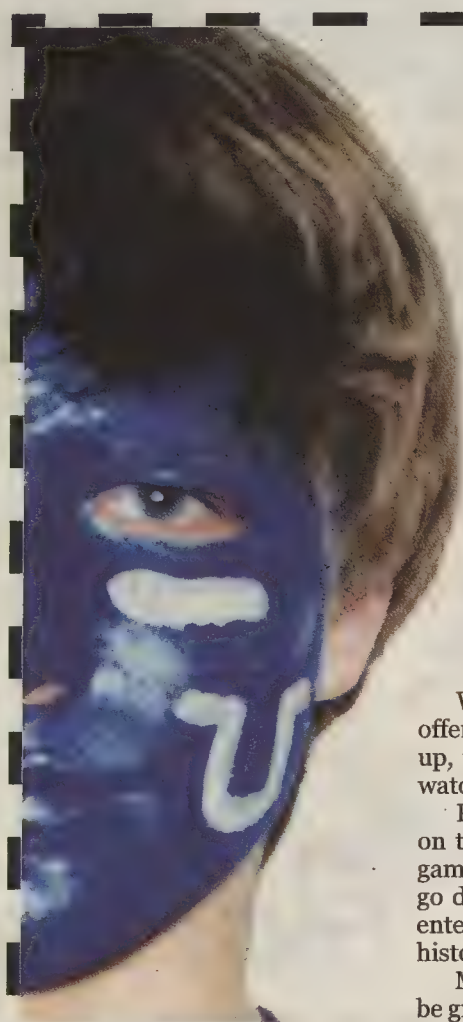
2 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Sunday

02/07

## Women's basketball vs. New Hampshire

2 p.m. Patrick Gym



## SUPER BOWL XLIV PREVIEW

With such dominant offensive attacks matching up, this game will be fun to watch.

Points will be put up on the board often and this game has the potential to go down as one of the most entertaining in Super Bowl history.

Manning and Brees will be great, but in the end it will

come down to which defense can force turnovers.

The Colts defense has improved tremendously since their last Super Bowl victory in 2007 and has the big play capability needed to win games like this.

Manning will be able to handle the pressure and will be too much to handle, as the Colts will be champions.

By Will Andreycak

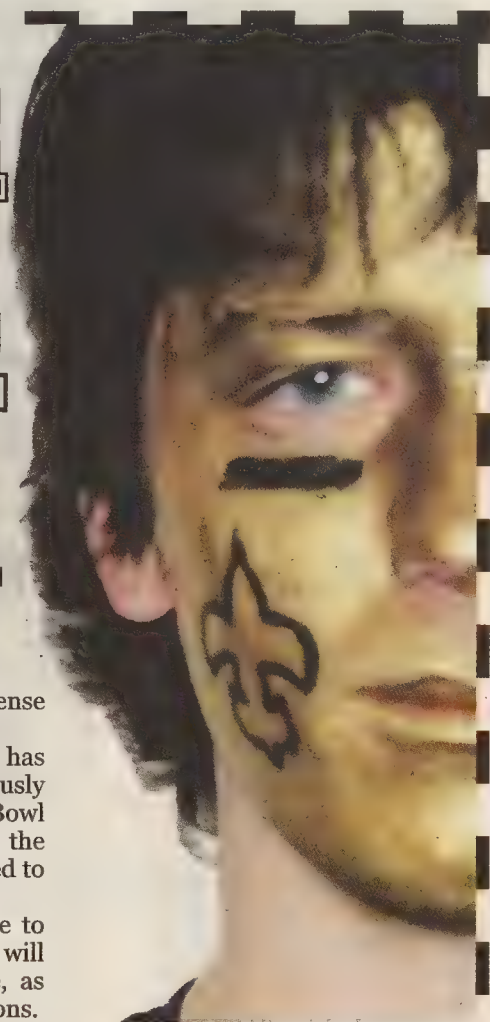


Photo illustration by Kruti Kansara

## PREDICTION: COLTS 42 - SAINTS 31

## COLTS

## How they can win

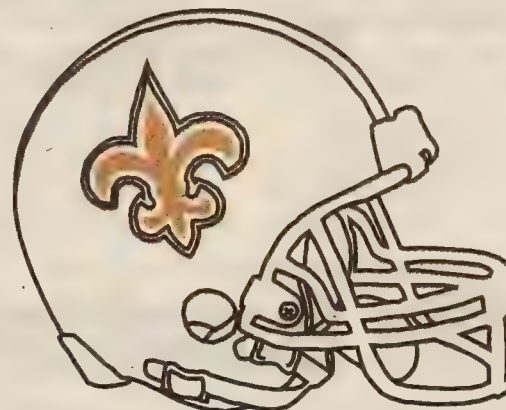
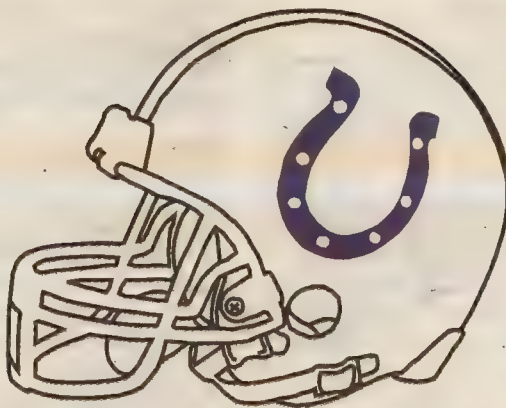
The Colts came back from a 17-6 deficit in the AFC championship game against the Jets and went on to a 30-17 win, led by four-time league MVP Peyton Manning.

Manning was spectacular against the Jets — throwing for 377 yards and three TDs against the Jets' defense, which was ranked No. 1 this season.

Look for the veteran receivers and TE Dallas Clark to pick apart the Saints' D.

In order for the Colts to win, Peyton Manning has to continue to be Peyton Manning.

The Saints are going to bring relentless pressure for the entire game and, if Manning can handle it, the Colts will cruise to the 'ship.



## SAINTS

## How they can win

The Saints are playing in their first Super Bowl in franchise history after defeating the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship game in overtime, 31-28.

The story all year for the Saints has been their high-powered offensive attack led by quarterback Drew Brees.

The Saints' offense was ranked first during the regular season in yards per game (403.8) and will need to match or perhaps improve that number to hang with the Colts.

The most important component for the Saints is their defensive play.

If they can force turnovers, and sustain disruptive pressure on Peyton Manning for 60 minutes, the Saints will be Super Bowl champions.

## Women's basketball ready to reload and recover

By Andrew Lieberman  
Staff Writer

The UVM women's basketball team lost a battle for first place at the hands of conference rival University of Hartford Hawks at home on Jan. 26.

The final score of the contest was 38-36 in favor of the Hawks. Hartford's victory kept the Hawks at a perfect 8-0 record in America East play, while the Cats sit sturdily in second place at 6-2.

Holding onto second place halfway through the conference schedule would normally be a great place to find oneself, but not for this year's Cats.

Complacency is not something this team is interested in, especially when first place is in sight.

"We're going to work hard in practice, get in the gym, do what we need to do and keep our eyes on the next game," freshman Lauren Buschmann said.

Despite losing two tough games against Boston University and Hartford, this team doesn't need to rebuild: they need to reload.

In the two America East losses, the Cats have shot 33.6 percent from the field, compared to the 41.1 percent average from the floor over the course of the season.

Also, stars Courtney

Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos have averaged a combined 32.3 points per game. However, in the loss against Hartford, the duo managed to score only 16 points.

The losses hurt, but sometimes losing teaches more valuable lessons than winning.

"You can't not be affected by [losing] — we're not in a bubble," head coach Sharon Dawley said. "We are affected by it, but the only thing we can do is use it to get angry by it and better, as opposed to getting sad by it."

The Cats have some positives to look back on as well. The effort was always there, as the Cats forced eight jump balls

against Hartford.

They also held Hartford, who received 11 votes in the national rankings, to 38 points when the Hawks normally average 62.2 points per game.

"It's always upsetting to lose, but nothing is lost," Dawley said.

The team has veteran leaders and a winning formula and, if they keep funneling the offense through Pilypaitis and Kotsopoulos, the other pieces will fall into place as well.

Even though the road to another America East Championship may not go through Vermont in March, the Cats still have as much chance as anyone to win.



**SCALING THE MOUNTAIN**

Elena Gorokhova discusses her memoir and her life in Soviet Russia

8

**GRAY AREA**

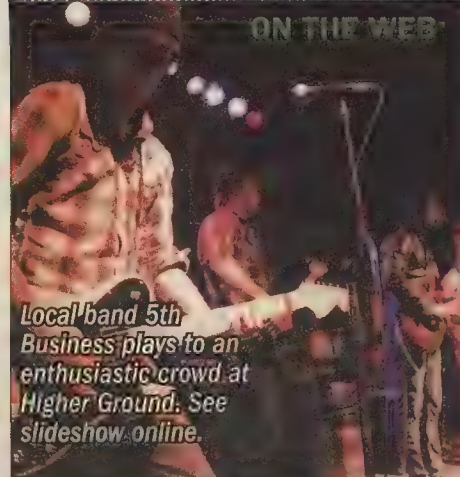
What, exactly, is an Aspiring White Anti-racist Ally?

4

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, February 9, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 17 | Burlington, Vermont



Local band 5th Business plays to an enthusiastic crowd at Higher Ground. See slideshow online.



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

On Jan. 28, a UVM custodial employee was assaulted in the third-floor bathroom of Old Mill. Police are still investigating the crime.

## Man attacks UVM custodian

### Assailant threatens female employee's life in third-floor Old Mill bathroom

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

It was a typical Thursday night for a UVM custodial employee until a man grabbed her from behind in a third-floor bathroom of Old Mill.

UVM Police Services responded to the call at 8:55 p.m. on Jan. 28 reporting that a man had jumped out of a bathroom stall and attacked the custodian for erasing his graffiti.

According to a UVM Police Services report, the suspect is described as a 5'6" to 5'8" tall male with a medium skin tone who looked to be in his mid-20s or 30s.

Police Services also described him as having dark, curly hair with a single braided cornrow going down the center of his head.

The custodian said she was routinely cleaning off graffiti when he grabbed her hair and

said that he would kill her if she continued to remove it.

Timothy Bilodeau, captain of Police Operations at UVM, said that while graffiti has been going on in multiple areas of Old Mill, it has occurred in larger spikes in that particular bathroom.

Bilodeau is unsure, though, if the graffiti in Old Mill was drawn by the same person and by the attacker who assaulted the custodial employee.

"We try to match up different types of graffiti and see what kinds of things have been written to connect separate investigations," he said.

This has not been the first confrontation between the suspect and the victim, Bilodeau confirmed.

In October, the victim was verbally confronted but unharmed by a man whom she believes was the same person who attacked her on Jan. 28.

The victim also said that other custodians have seen the suspect in other campus buildings, including Waterman and Kalkin.

According to a six-year review report on the UVM Police Services website, the trend of crimes against an individual in recent years has actually decreased.

In 2007, 38 were reported to UVM Police Services and in 2008, 29 were reported. However, this fiscal year, only 18 have been reported so far.

Although the suspect has not been caught, Police Services is taking this matter very seriously.

Students on campus heard about the assault through a press release dispersed by UVM Police Department, yet sophomores Samantha Milwich and Liz Lagasse were unaware of the details of the assault.

"I don't like public

bathrooms to begin with, but after hearing about it, I definitely wouldn't go alone," Milwich said.

Walking alone on campus at night was also never a concern for Lagasse, but she said she would think twice about it next time.

According to a campus safety Clery Report on the UVM Police Services website, there are a number of steps that students can take to protect themselves.

Avoiding dark, isolated areas and telling a friend where you are going and when you will return are two ways to avoid putting yourself at risk, especially when alone on campus at night in any building.

This is an ongoing investigation. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Police Services at (802) 656-3473 or by email at [police@uvm.edu](mailto:police@uvm.edu).

#### Crime Prevention Tips

Don't walk alone.

Avoid isolated, dark areas.

Tell a friend where you are going and when you will return.

Carry a whistle or a noise maker.

Do not be afraid to scream if you need help.

Carry a cell phone.

Be aware of your surroundings.

If a follower persists, head toward a well-lit, occupied area and call the police.

Courtesy of UVM Police Services Reports and Statistics website

## Graffiti gets attention on campus from staff and students

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

When the lines of artistic expression are drawn in spray paint, University policy calls it vandalism.

Recent incidents of spray paint vandalism such as the "fight facism" [sic] tag and other tags on the Living/Learning Center, the Angell

Building and the Davis Center, have incited discussions about graffiti on campus.

"The problem, ultimately, is that there are damages and costs because of these incidents, which get passed along to the students," David Nestor, vice president of Student and Campus Life, said.

Individuals engaging in

vandalism believe it is an act of expression, but they don't realize the damage to the sense of community that their actions elicit, Nestor said.

But Ruthless Rufus, a local graffiti artist and UVM student, doesn't see any harm in his form of artistic expression.

"I believe that art needs to be made public," Rufus said, "and

I don't like the looks of gray walls."

Rufus claims to have tagged undisclosed locations on campus and wished to be called by his tag name.

"There needs to be a mark of unplanned chaos," Rufus said. "I'm just trying to make the public space more interesting."

"People are paid good money

to clean up graffiti. In a way, I'm creating jobs," Rufus said.

Sure enough, groundskeepers from UVM's physical plant department painted over all the graffiti on campus last Wednesday, Feb. 3.

"It's a big issue every year," Gary Campagna from

see GRAFFITI on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-3 — OPINION 4-5 — LIFE 6 — FEATURE 7 — ARTS 8 — DISTRACTIONS 9 — COMICS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact [cynic@uvm.edu](mailto:cynic@uvm.edu)WE'RE ONLINE TOO! [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)



# White Allies address racism, identity and diversity

New student group, supported by ALANA, works toward social activism and greater understanding

By Max Harwood  
News Editor

Until recently, "diversity" and "white" haven't exactly gone hand-in-hand.

This semester marks the second semester for the new student diversity group at UVM, the Aspiring White Anti-Racist Allies.

The goal of the organization is to get white students on campus involved in the discussion of diversity and events related to diversity, sophomore Caitlin Shelburne, founder of the organization, said.

"I wanted to start this group to show the white students [that] you can be involved in diversity. You can be involved in fundraisers and events on campus," Shelburne said.

The Allies meet weekly to discuss involvement on campus, white identity, white privilege and white guilt.

The ALANA Center supports the Allies, Monique Swaby, coordinator for Programs and Student Leadership Development at the ALANA Student Center, said.

"Essentially, our relationship with the Anti-Racist White Allies club is the same as any other new student of color organization that we support on campus," she said.

"Myself and the director of the ALANA Student Center has and will be meeting monthly with Caitlin and her advisor to support the goals of the club," Swaby said.

However, the Allies plan on going beyond weekly meetings.

"I want to go to see speakers

on campus and build coalitions with other organizations," she said. "I want to make sure that we are welcome with these other groups so they know exactly what we are here for, what we do."

The organization is still

**"I wanted to start this group to show the white students [that] you can be involved in diversity."**

**Caitlin Shelburne**  
UVM sophomore and White Allies founder

building a name for itself on campus and some students are unsure exactly what they do.

"It sounds like a good thing," junior Rob Olshefski said. "I hear people say all the time that if black students can have their organizations, why can't white people? But I think you need to be careful of that kind of group, even if it is just to bring awareness."

Swaby agrees that the students need to understand the Allies' role.

"The question is, does the larger community really understand what it means to be a true ally?" Swaby said.

Nevertheless, Shelburne is confident that the organization is heading in the right direction.

"I am happy with the commitment people have shown and their dedication to identity

development and social justice issues," she said.

Swaby is also excited.

"We have high hopes for ways in which this organization can allow for honest conversation, white identity awareness and recognition of how they relate to students of color," Swaby said.

"I think it's a good idea," senior Zulairam Ruiz said. "I think people who are not of color should have these conversations."

Swaby agrees that in order to build across cultural barriers, people must first understand themselves and their own identity.

"It is not until we can each see the human aspect of who we all are that we can then begin to see the big picture," she said.

## Out-of-state students drive revenue

Understanding the connection between student enrollment and tuition at UVM

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

Some say it's for moneymaking, others say it's to diversify.

Just in the past few years, UVM, along with other public institutions around the nation, has been gearing up to increase the number of out-of-state students.

According to Chris Lucier, vice president for Enrollment Management, the current ratio of undergraduate students is 35 percent in-state to 65 percent out-of-state.

However, more than 600 freshmen who have been enrolled over the past six years are Vermonters, an impressive number given the declining graduation rate in Vermont, Lucier said.

The remaining incoming freshmen come from out of state, and their tuition accounts for 50 percent of general fund revenue for the University, according to a 2010 sourcebook report from the Office of Institutional Studies.

The report also said only seven percent of general fund revenue comes from in-state tuition.

Although UVM accepts more out-of-state students, Lucier does not agree that the only objective is to draw revenue from non-Vermonters.

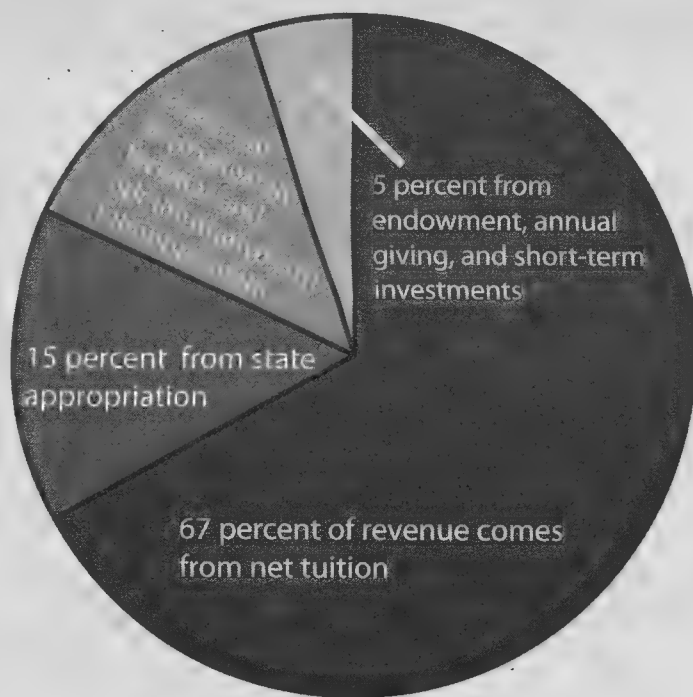
"Our model is heavily tuition-driven and out-of-state enrollment is important to us, but it's also about the type of students enrolled who can endure the academics this University has to offer," Lucier said.

The University also looks for students who provide diversity demographically, ethnically and geographically, he said.

Freshman Drusilla White, who came to UVM from an inner-city school in the Bronx, N.Y., feels that UVM is trying to expand its diversity by donating money to out-of-state high schools.

"I feel that our school attracts out-of-state students not just to boost their revenue," she said. "UVM gave my high school a lot of money for me to come here, and I think they are

### Where the money comes from



definitely making an effort to diversify."

Like all schools, Lucier said that UVM has a necessary revenue requirement that enrollment relies on for financial aid. Although it is not the University's solitary objective to draw in out-of-state students, it does have to attract them to support its financial model.

According to a 2010 sourcebook report from the Office of Institutional Studies, 67 percent of UVM's general fund revenue comes from net tuition. This includes undergraduate, graduate, day non-degree and medical tuition.

To generate the rest of the revenue, 15 percent comes from state appropriation, 13 percent comes from research facilities and administrative cost reimbursement, and five percent is provided by other sources like unrestricted endowment, unrestricted annual giving and short-term investments.

Unlike other state schools that require a certain percentage of their students to be in-state, UVM does not have a similar quota.

Richard Cate, vice president of Finance and Administration, said there are two reasons why UVM does not require a quota for in-state students.

First, and what he stressed as most important, there simply aren't that many Vermont students.

"We take every Vermont student that is considered to be academically qualified," Cate said. "It's not like we close the door when we get to a certain number."

The second reason is that the University wouldn't be where it is in terms of the investments that it makes if we were charging only in-state tuition. This is the way it works in every other state, he said.

According to a report from the Office of Institutional Studies, 34.2 to 38.3 percent of undergraduate enrollments have been Vermont residents over the past 10 years. The rest are all from out of state.

Although the majority of UVM's revenue comes from out-of-staters, this is standard for all universities, Lucier said.

"This is just something UVM needs to realize to have appropriate revenue," he said.

## Reslife seeking out students for a new orientation video

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Residential Life is looking for 12 to 15 students for their new orientation video.

"We are looking for some students that will appear on camera and share some stories about living and eating and being involved on campus," Assistant Director for Information Services Kevin Hytten said.

The 10-minute video will be shown at orientation and will be posted on the ResLife website as well, Hytten said.

Students can apply through an online questionnaire that was emailed to the student body on Feb. 4, Reslife said.

Those who are selected will need to spend one hour shooting and will be compensated with a \$25 gift card to the UVM Bookstore, they said.

## GRAFFITI | Confronting the problem of graffiti

...continued from page 1

physical plants said, "but we got all different kinds of green chemicals to clean it off with."

Spray-painted vandalism is cleaned as soon as it's reported, Campagna said.

"We don't want anybody to see it."

He said that certain spots are practically "drawing boards" since they're hit so much.

"If one place is hit, chances are you'll find more," he said. "The 'fight fascism' [sic] thing was nothing. Some of the graffiti is just plain hate."

"I have a hard time understanding how fascism could possibly be operating here. Some slogans are [just] used to insight controversy," Nestor said.

"We seem to go through waves of vandalism," Nestor said. "When it happens, it comes all at once ... [and] this year there's been a lot of it — more than usual."

"In the spring, when it's nice, that's when we really get hit ... and near graduation," Campagna said.

"I'm not necessarily sure whether a lot of thought goes into [tagging]," Nestor said regarding the incidents on the Living/Learning Center. "If they had thought it through, then they probably wouldn't have done it."

Nestor said that the University wants to protect its students' expression, so long as it is "appropriate" expression.

Rufus believes that everybody who tags has a

motive behind their action. "It's just that some people's are better than others," he said.

"Some of the people who do this stuff are pretty talented," Campagna said. "They're just showing off their work."

Rufus spoke poorly of "slashers" who use spray paint to defile. He considers what he does to be art.

"Spray painting ought to be done sober, and you need to practice on paper before you go out marking a wall," Rufus said.

"At the bare minimum, vandalism is a violation of policy," Kim Martin, director for Student Ethics and Standards, said.

The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities lists spray painting as a "property offense."

The consequence for being caught vandalizing can result in a criminal charge and/or a fine, Martin said. However, there are few instances where the perpetrators are identified.

UVM Police Capt. Tim Bilodeau said that the occurrence rates of spray painting have remained fairly constant over the last decade.

"We've got too many other safety issues on weekends," Bilodeau said. "We don't have time to be tied up with vandalism, [but] every incident of unlawful mischief is investigated."

Bilodeau said his main concern was the dollar-value damage and the cost to the community.

"Every community gets it," he said.



# UVM greeks serve up the community service

Fraternities and sororities "passionate about service," raising money for charities

By Natalie DiBlasio  
& Hillary Walton  
Asst. News Editor & Staff Writer

Crazy people, excessive drinking and themed parties is what comes to mind when non-Greek freshman John Mark Brigham thinks of UVM's Greek life, and he is not alone.

However, many of the 650 students in Greek life said that they became involved for a reason other than social motivation — community service.

"There is a stigma against the Greek community at UVM, but we are honestly nothing like what you see in these ridiculous teen movies," Kappa Beta Gamma freshman Natasha Silensky said.

"We do a lot together, including philanthropy and service."

Last year, the UVM Greek community completed about 20,000 hours of community service and raised more than \$68,000 for various charities, Greek life adviser Kim Monteaux said.

"Generally, I believe we are perceived as noise makers and people who disrupt instead of help," Christopher Sikora, president of Delta Tau Delta, said.

"Service brings us [closer] to the community and it shows other people that we

are a positive outreach of the community."

Each of the 18 chapters has their own charity, as well as other independent and collaborative work within the UVM community, Monteaux said.

Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi) had 30 members volunteer at Burlington's Winter Festival this past weekend, President Caitlin Ratty said.

This semester, ADPi is planning a prom at a local nursing home, an indoor carnival for kids at the YMCA and numerous other events benefitting the Ronald McDonald house, Ratty said.

Service is a huge part of fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR), as well, Christian Ruf, AGR vice president for alumni relations, said.

AGR volunteers with Cochran's Ski Club, the first nonprofit ski club in the United States.

"The misconception is that we only do it because we have to do it, but I know this is not the case for AGR," Ruf said.

Greek students are passionate about service and motivated, so there is no need to enforce any requirements, Monteaux said.

"Many of the people who are interested in joining Greek life are already interested in the philanthropy work,"



Ice Sculpture at the Burlington WinterFest. Greek students volunteered at the event.

BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Silensky said. "I, myself, was very involved with community service in high school and liked the idea of still helping people during college."

The majority of Greek students feel the same, Monteaux said.

"I would say nine times out of 10, new members have had some kind of experience with

community service," she said.

"Service should be an important aspect of why people consider going Greek," Sikora said.

"[The service] should be something students see," he said. "It shouldn't be about joining because [of] the weekend social scene, but because of the weekend service too."

Ruf agreed. Community service should be a priority even for those not involved in Greek life, he said.

"Why aren't other organizations doing community service events?" Ruf said. "They have busy schedules, but so do we."

## FeelGood feels for Haiti

Grilled cheese stand hosts Haiti benefit day

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Recently, UVM's FeelGood sent a day's worth of revenue to Haiti in support of the international relief effort.

On Jan. 22, FeelGood's Haiti benefit day sold 147 sandwiches and raised more than \$500 to go toward the disaster relief, FeelGood president senior Rachel Rubenstein said.

"We understood that it was necessary, and our members got together and decided this was something we wanted to do as an organization," Rubenstein said.

FeelGood advertising chair Danielle Hoey said it was the best day of sales the organization has had this year, and that it received a good overall response from the UVM community.

"They wanted something like this to happen," Hoey said.

The revenue raised on that day will be donated to Mercy Corps, a disaster relief organization, she said.

Apart from the money raised on FeelGood's Haiti benefit day, all profits are normally donated to the Hunger Project, a global nonprofit organization concerned with ending world hunger and poverty through sustainable means, Rubenstein said.

"[Mercy Corps embodies]



DAMIR ALISA | The Vermont Cynic  
Students make sandwiches at FeelGood Deli in the Davis Center. FeelGood donated profits to Haiti relief efforts.

a lot of the same principles as the Hunger Project, and it is an organization that the Hunger Project suggests people donate money to in support of Haiti," Rubenstein said.

FeelGood has not yet ended its fundraising for Haiti, she said.

"Right now at the deli, we have a donation cup that says 'Haiti Relief Fund,' and there is also one for the Hunger Project," she said. "People continue to donate money to Haiti, while others give extra money to the Hunger Project. It's about equal between the two cups."

Any money donated to FeelGood specifically for Haiti

relief will be given to the Mercy Corps, while all sandwich proceeds continue to go toward the Hunger Project, Rubenstein said.

"The Hunger Project works in three different areas of the world: Latin America, Africa and South Asia," she said. "The three pillars of the organization are grassroots self-reliance, partnership with local governments and democracies, as well as gender equality."

"FeelGood is a family of friends. We are all passionate about what we are doing and you can see it on every member's face," Hoey said. "Nothing could be better."

Fight poverty and climate change with Oxfam Action Corps! Great volunteer and training opportunity. Willing to reach out to others in your community to call for climate legislation? Gain leadership skills, have fun, change the world! Sign up by February 15. [www.oxfamactioncorps.org](http://www.oxfamactioncorps.org)

### Electric Beach Hair & Tanning

Where it's all about you

\$5 off any single tanning service or \$10 off any hair service

all college cards accepted

1166 Williston Road, South Burlington  
864-1500 • [www.electricbeachvt.com](http://www.electricbeachvt.com)

Cutting  
Styling  
Coloring  
Waxing  
Perming  
Conditioning  
Licensed Massages  
Spacapsule Massages  
Facials  
Weightloss Body Wraps  
7 Levels of Tanning:  
• High Pressure  
• Face Tanner  
• Leg Tanner  
• Spray Tanning

## Do you want to DANCE and DONATE?

Come to the Haiti Benefit Dance from 9:30-2am on Thursday, February 11th in Billings North Lounge.

-Tickets will be \$5  
-DJs will be Vasilis Varsakopoulos and Count Blattula  
Sponsored by SGA





## EDITORIAL BOARD

## Editor-in-Chief

Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

## Managing Editor

Elliot Dodge DeBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

## News

Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

## Opinion

Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

## Sports

Eli Zink  
vcsports@uvm.edu

## Feature

Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

## Arts

Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

## Life

Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

## Layout

Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

## Photography

Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

## Copy Chief

Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

## Illustration

Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

## Assistant Editors

Natalie DiBlasio (News),  
Katie Gioia (Copy), Julia  
Wejchert (Arts)

## Page Designers

Emily Kokoll, Matthew  
Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

## Senior Photographers

Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

## Copy Editors

Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz,  
Joanna Benjamin

## Editorial Assistants

Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

## Operations Manager

Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

## Advertising Managers

Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

## Business Manager

Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

## Distribution Manager

Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

## Faculty Adviser

Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Discovering the gray area

Revealing the meaning behind being white and how it can impact the discussion of social justice

For hundreds of years, fighting racial discrimination has been a job for the persecuted.

White people have had two possible roles: encouraging racial prejudice or taking a passive role against it.

The Aspiring White Anti-Racist Allies is a UVM group in which white students can simultaneously discuss what it means to be white and actively support the anti-racism movement and diversity as a white individual.

For some, this may seem counterintuitive.

Allies is a club for white individuals to discuss "white" identity and diversity at a predominantly white university.

The idea that white people have a club like this might seem elitist, but the group, however, should not be hastily judged.

Acknowledging one's own white identity — and discussing how that identity is different from, or may have more privileges than, another race — is not something frequently done in the white community.

White people don't usually have a casual chat over tea about how they feel being white.

That step alone is a movement toward equality, as it recognizes the white role in past and present racial problems.

Aspiring White Anti-Racist Allies attempts to provide circumstances where whites can feel comfortable discussing their white identities and how it relates to other racial identities.

Discussing racial differences, especially with the people you're different from, can be awkward. Allies wants to create a setting where that awkwardness is minimized.

Their affiliation with ALANA shows that the Allies are attempting to become a legitimate voice in the diversity discussion, but whether they are accepted as that voice depends on the actions they take in the future.

*The Cynic* believes that their possible position in the racial discussion is certainly innovative as something that hasn't been seen yet.

In the spirit of supporting racial equality and social justice, we should not judge this group by the fact that they are a white group at a white school, but rather on the actions they take in the future.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

## "WHY DO THEY NEED TO STORE MY BABY'S DNA INDEFINITELY?"

— ANNIE BROWN, from *Mankato*, Minn., speaking in response to discovering that her newborn's DNA samples were being stored by the government.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

## THE VERMONT CYNIC

116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

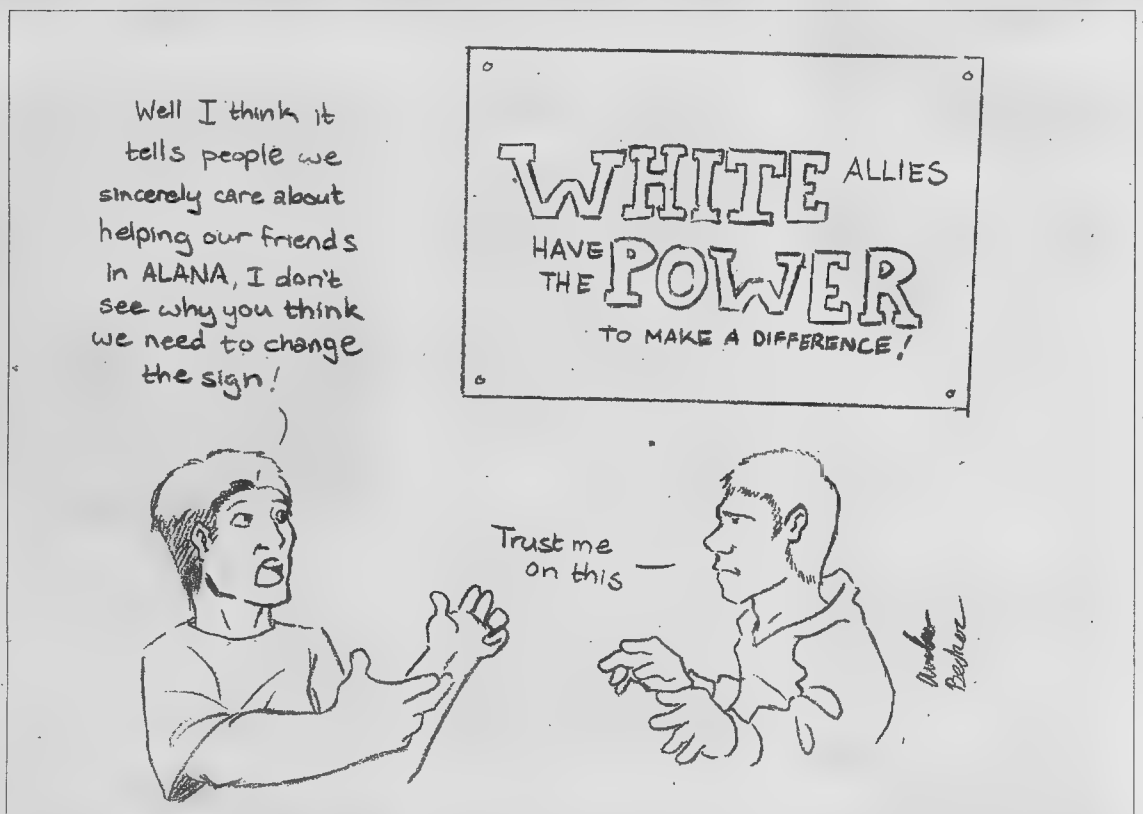
[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



## COLUMNISTS



MICHAEL FARLEY

## "That's so hetero!"

Of the many minuscule things that permeate my psyche on a daily basis, none get me as frustrated as the sexual orientation of inanimate objects.

Like, can a late bus be homosexual?

Does that book you have to read sleep with other books of the same genre?

Do shirts do more than just get dry in the dryer?

Can inanimate objects like buses, clothes and homework have a sexual preference?

Nope.

So why is it common to hear "that's so gay" dropped as if it were nothing more than an innocent little saying?

As if it were just as tolerable to call something so black, so

spic, so chinky — so anything — than it is to call something gay.

Ok, so it means merry, bright, carefree, happy — but those are dated terms.

We all know what the word means in this phrase — different. And it's not as if the word is used by parties ignorant of its meaning; the people who do use it are just ignorant in general.

I believe people use the phrase so openly because they are part of the majority and do not see the offensive nature of the term.

Sure, you may be able to get away with dropping the phrase in your own social circles. Perhaps even in a few others.

Step outside of those circles and the world looks very different.

Joking or not, the term shows a lack of respect, decency and compassion.

Although it's shrinking, I am part of the stereotypical majority of white, straight, male Americans.

So I bet a few of you are wondering why I am so up in arms about this. Why should I be offended by a word that doesn't define or even apply to me?

It offends me because decades after the Civil Rights Movement, many of our own citizens are still fighting for

equality.

It offends me because our worldwide society has grouped homosexuals into a separate class of people whom we tolerate rather than respect and include.

Decades after the ideology of equality spread like wildfire, we are still using derogatory terms in our speech every day as if it were everyday speech.

We see the fight for equality all over the world, yet we still let hateful speech infect our lives.

We may see the day when being "so hetero" or "so white" is looked at as different.

We may see the day when being normal isn't so normal. When being who you are means so much more than a title.

Until then, I encourage you to call someone out the next time you hear them drop the "that's so gay" bomb.

Tell them just how you feel about it.

Tell them about the thousands of other words they could have used.

Tell them these things, and those who use the term "gay" so nonchalantly will think twice about what they're saying sooner rather than later.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



## COLUMNISTS

## Ending budget misconceptions



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

Last Monday, President Obama unveiled the 2011 federal budget.

The budget process is important.

It allocates huge sums of money to a broad spectrum of federal programs and agencies. It also gets less mainstream attention than, say, the Obama family dog.

A lot of the apathy is probably due to the complexity of the process.

But it's important and, if you stamp out a few common confusions, understanding it is very manageable.

So let's tackle them.

A common point of confusion is the debt-versus-deficit distinction.

It's actually very simple — the federal deficit is the yearly imbalance in the government's funds.

When the government spends more than it takes in, it has a deficit.

The federal debt, however, snowballs across years of budget deficits. It's the collection of all the debt that the government hasn't fully paid back.

Another distinction that confuses people is the difference between discretionary and mandatory spending.

Mandatory spending is spending that has been explicitly ordered by law.

In practice, this amounts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other entitlements and debt

payments.

This is the bigger portion of the budget — more than 60 percent of it.

The other part is discretionary. This is the part we're dealing with.

The president and the Office of Management and Budget annually pull together information from across the federal bureaucracy into a neat, hefty package that gets sent to Congress to work toward confirmation.

This part of the budget includes programs within the federal departments and agencies. The president and Congress have increased discretion with its allotment.

The discretionary part is dominated by military spending.

If you've ever seen those pie-chart bumper stickers about military spending, now you know why they make America look like a fascist police state — they only show the discretionary budget.

Another misconception — here's the opinionated part — has to do with the actual politics.

It's conventional wisdom that Republicans are good for America's fiscal strength. History — and the facts — suggest otherwise.

For decades after World War II, America's budget remained fairly balanced.

Enter Ronald Reagan.

Reagan liked tax cuts, but he didn't like tackling any major parts of the budget — he also loved him some military spending.

So, as would be expected, the debt and deficit trends got smacked off their balanced course.

Bill Clinton — albeit with a Republican Congress — managed to get us back to a budget surplus for a short

while.

Enter George W. Bush, exit budget surplus.

Unfunded wars, large tax cuts and Medicare Part D — not a recipe for fiscal strength.

The common conservative rebuttal is essentially, "well they were bad, but Obama's much worse."

Obama tried to factually debunk that theory during his State of the Union address. The Republicans literally laughed at him.

He said, "just stating the facts." They laughed again.

Ah, willful ignorance.

Yes, the deficit has recently spiked to an unsustainable level, but when it's actually broken down, Obama's absolutely right.

The recession is the primary contributor. Economic downturns hurt on both ends.

They decrease tax revenue and increase spending on welfare-related programs.

The Bush era tax cuts hurt much more than anything Obama's done.

Also, it's important to realize that the Democrats' health care proposal actually reduced the deficit.

In contrast, the Republicans produced the totally unfunded Medicare Part D.

Recently, Republicans killed a proposed bi-partisan committee on the deficit.

Democrats may be tax-and-spenders, but Republicans are just plain old spenders.

People may disagree on which approach they prefer, but political reality is political reality.

Those preconceived notions of Republican responsibility may just be the most damaging confusions of all.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*



ZACH DESPART

## Shake your head, Justice Alito

In a State of the Union address full of "togetherness" rhetoric, President Obama took the oratorical gloves off to condemn the Supreme Court because it "reversed a century of law that ... will open the floodgates for special interests."

While the House chamber — both Democrats and Republicans — erupted in applause behind the seated jurists, Justice Samuel Alito simply shook his head and mouthed "that's not true."

The president was referring to *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, where the court ruled 5-4 against the United States.

The decision struck down provisions of the 2002 McCain-Feingold Campaign Reform Act, which passed by large majorities in both the House and Senate.

The Court found that the provision of that statute that prohibited corporations and unions from using their own funds to pay for "electioneering communication" that advocates the election or defeat of a candidate to be unconstitutional.

In simpler words: companies couldn't buy ad space praising or trashing a political candidate.

Senate Minority Leader

Mitch McConnell, who voted against the original bill, championed the recent decision, saying it "struck a blow for the First Amendment."

While I agree with McConnell that the First Amendment protects some of our most cherished rights, the Court's decision protects the free speech of wealthy corporations and unions.

A direct result of this is that the average citizen's right to free speech is restricted when his voice can be drowned out by Political Action Committees who buy unlimited amounts of airtime.

There are limits on how much money an individual can donate directly to a political candidate — \$2,400 per election to a federal candidate — along with limits on donations to political parties.

Yet foreign nationals, corporations and unions are forbidden from donating directly to candidates.

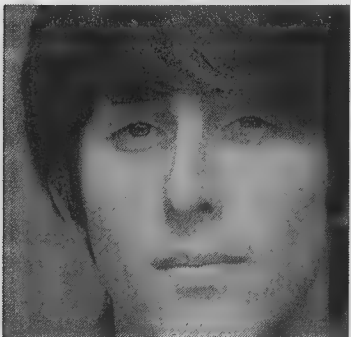
These limits exist to prevent the economic elite in this country from restricting the free speech of average citizens.

One man, one vote. That is the type of democracy that we celebrate as Americans.

The primary purpose of our government, and of any government, is to serve the interests of its citizens, not corporations or foreign influences.

Thus, individual citizens must have the greatest power to influence our candidates, because they — not corporations, not unions and not foreign nationals — are the ones who determine who will lead our government.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since Fall 2009.*



MAX KRIEGER

## Nuclear power: a true waste

Vermont is a green state in many senses of the word.

Aside from the Green Mountains, the state has also long embraced alternative green fuels.

Ironically, the state has also embraced one of the less popular, but more practical, fuels: nuclear power.

The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant, located in southeastern Vermont along the Connecticut River, has been in operation since 1972 and still provides Vermont with nearly 34 percent of its electrical needs.

Nuclear power, when well-regulated, can be an environment saver because it does not produce nearly as many carbon emissions as conventional fossil fuels.

Unfortunately, Vermont Yankee may be causing environmental damage to the earth and water, rather than to the air.

Recently, large amounts of tritium — a deadly radioactive material — have been found in testing wells south of the plant.

The tritium was found in quantities more than four times what is safe in drinking water.

So far, no tritium has been found in the Connecticut River or in the drinking water near

the plant, but it is only a matter of time until they seep into these sources.

The amount of power produced and environmental impact will both become large factors in the fate of the aging plant.

## Unfortunately, Vermont Yankee may be causing environmental damage to the earth and water, rather than to the air.

On March 1, 15 towns in Vermont will vote on whether to close the plant or keep it operational.

The towns have a tough decision: keep the plant running and risk effects from nuclear waste, or turn to other energy sources that

may be even worse for the environment.

President Obama has said that he is committed to building more nuclear plants to wean America off of fossil fuels.

Also, the jobs of 600 plant workers are at stake in a time where jobs are scarce.

It pains me to say we must give up such a seemingly perfect solution that employs so many, but nuclear power is a band-aid for a larger problem.

If we transfer from using fossil fuels to nuclear power, we will also be transferring from fighting carbon emissions to fighting even more dangerous nuclear waste.

Clearly, Vermont Yankee has played a vital role in Vermont's power creation, but its reign must come to an end.

Instead of investing extraordinary amounts of money in patching up or rebuilding a dangerous plant, Vermont and the rest of the

United States need to invest in the future of fuels.

Fuels that don't poison the air we breathe and the water we drink can also be free to make. For instance, 30 percent of Vermont's electricity comes from hydroelectric plants in Quebec.

Of course, it will be a challenge to replace such a large amount of energy with wind, solar and other truly green energies, but it is necessary to save what natural beauty and habitat we have left.

Many Vermonters, including myself, fear that if Vermont continues along the nuclear path, it will stop being the Green Mountain State and start being the Green Toxic Sludge State.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



## UVM alum helps improve Whole Foods sustainability

By Elizabeth Bruner  
Staff Writer

Students on the verge of graduating should have no fear. The jobs are out there for UVM grads.

Take UVM environmental studies alumnus Tristam Coffin, for example, who is now the Green Mission Specialist at Whole Foods. Today, Coffin oversees green initiatives for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Throughout his years at the University, he was involved with courses ranging from sociology to environmental studies to religion, which spoke to several of his interests, he said.

After getting his degree in 2008, however, Coffin was uncertain of what his next step would be.

"I didn't want to turn myself over into any old job," he said. "I wanted to do something for me that was worthwhile for what I studied all those years."

Coffin said he was not even sure he would work for a major corporation.

At first, he began working with as a research assistant and studied sustainable transportation in Vermont. Then, just as Coffin was getting ready to move to Oregon to work for a nonprofit political organization, a job with Whole Foods opened up and the pieces fell into place.

Because Coffin had previously worked with Whole Foods in high

school, he already had his foot in the door.

"Knowing the operations behind the company and having an environmental degree landed me in a pretty good spot," he said.

Coffin offers advice to new graduates looking to get into an environmentally related field. "Never give up and never stop looking," he said.

According to the UVM Career Services website, contacts are crucial for uncovering the hidden job market, or 85-90 percent of all professional jobs.

As a result of Coffin's network with Whole Foods, he landed his green job.

Being green does come with challenges, which Coffin experiences first hand.

"We need to make sure that team members and managers are educated and that they are composting and recycling correctly," he said.

Whole Foods is known for its eco-friendly mission. According to their website, their mission is to "respect our environment and recycle, reuse and reduce our waste wherever and whenever we can."

"Each store has extensive compost and recycling programs," he said. "We try to make sure we are sorting all waste and it's not just ending up in landfills."

Whole Foods has already

## GRAD FINDS GREEN JOB

"Reach out to people you've worked with in the past ... and something is bound to pop up."

Tristam Coffin

UVM Alum

made strides by no longer offering plastic bags at checkout.

"In 2008 we stopped providing plastic bags in our stores," Coffin said. "The rate of reusable bags at our store has quadrupled since we stopped offering plastic bags."

Some UVM students think that Whole Foods could still make improvements in sustainable practices.

"I would like to see them focus more on bulk foods [to reduce packaging]," senior

environmental studies minor Stacey Apple said.

"Environmental jobs are going to pop up in more and more places," Coffin said.

"Reach out to people you've worked with in the past, even professors, and something is bound to pop up," Coffin said. "Look under every rock."



## Playing for both sides of feminism

I am a feminist.

Even today, I have vivid recollections of my mother explaining to my five-year-old self what a feminist was.

I realized instantly that I believed in the principles of equality, empowerment and voice that my mother described.

Unfortunately, in a world where women are showcased as objects of carnal desire, it can be difficult for me to maintain my core values and still feel like a part of the culture I live in.

I have to admit that, even as a staunch feminist, I sometimes play the other side.

I sometimes do things I hate. I act in ways I sometimes abhor and at other times take a sick pleasure in doing them.

For example, while on a day off from school and work, I recently spent three hours engaging in what I can only call "overindulgent beauty-making activities," which consisted of a dye job, haircut, mani-pedi, pore reduction and flawless makeup.

Sick, I know.

Could I have been doing something better with my time? Absolutely.

I could have been donating my time, working extra hard on a project, updating my resume or investing online.

It gets worse.

My un-feminist behavior extends farther than dolling myself up.

I do things in relationships with men and with women which are downright unlike what a feminist would do.

I expect and allow men to pay for our dates, though I am always prepared to pay. I don't see it as my place, frankly. I am being taken on a date.

If I wanted to take him on a date, I would have asked him.

But that is the thing — I don't.

I claim to believe in equal rights, but I am unwilling to accept my share of the burden.

It's silly that I even call myself a feminist.

However, I will be the first person to stand up and admonish those who act in a disempowering manner toward women. At the same time, in some ways, I am disempowering myself.

Maybe this is why author Ariel Levy wrote in "Female Chauvinist Pigs" that sometimes the biggest contributors to a sexist paradigm can be women themselves.

I am not offering a solution, because I'm not sure I have one.

I am merely coming out and saying it: I am a feminist who plays both sides.

E-mail me anytime: cosmo\_wythlime@yahoo.com for sex advice and perspective.

## Cochran skis all the way to Vancouver

By Megan Brancaccio  
Life Editor

Born in Burlington — but raised in New Hampshire — 28-year-old Jimmy Cochran began skiing at age three. After winning his first World Cup in 2003, he became a part of the U.S. Ski Team in 2004.

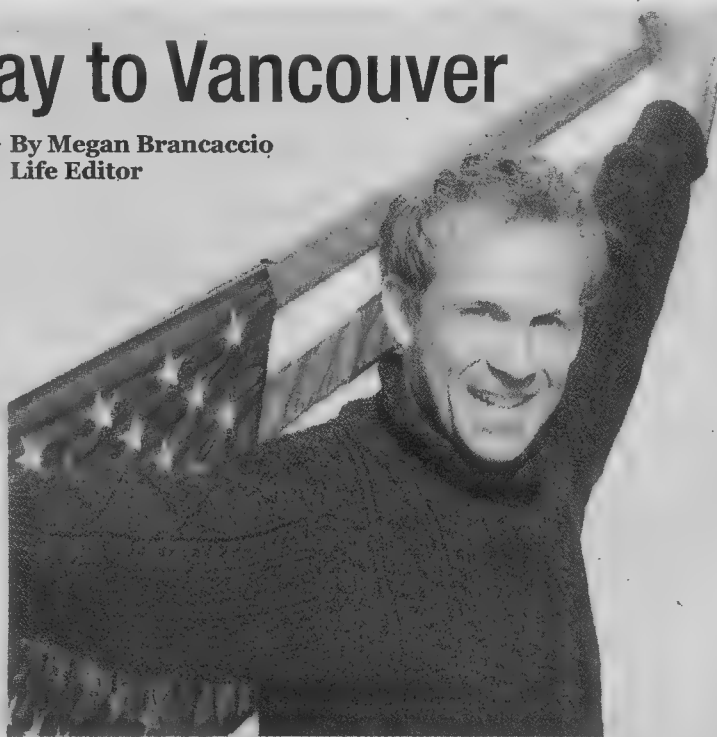
Cochran comes from a family of champion skiers, including his father and aunts who, according to him, "were much more accomplished [than me]."

After graduating from high school, Cochran enrolled at Middlebury College, where he studied for

one year before transferring to UVM.

Not only was Cochran a valued asset to the ski team, but he was also an accomplished engineering student. His education was put on hold, however, when he was recruited to the U.S. Team.

His motto and advice for all athletes and students is to "work hard and have fun," and, as Cochran gears up for his races in the Vancouver Olympic Games, he plans to take his own advice.



Courtesy of NBC

**Vermont Cynic:** First things first, how does it feel to be an Olympic athlete?

**Jimmy Cochran:** It's probably something that I'll look back on and wish I had taken more time to appreciate. However, at the moment, it feels like the most normal thing in the world to be going to the Olympics — as if it's just another race, and in some ways, it is.

**VC:** When did you decide to move back to Vermont?

**JC:** It wasn't until I was done with high school — in the fall of 2000 — that I moved in with my

grandmother in Richmond so I could ski and train at Stowe. I remember feeling like I was coming home. She lived on 600 acres and a little ski area that her and my grandfather built. I was never bored.

**VC:** Why UVM?

**JC:** Well, I started at Middlebury, and about halfway through that first year I was trying to pick classes for the next term. I mentioned to my mom that I loved the calculus class I had just taken and couldn't find many more classes that were math-oriented. She sent me a

course catalog from UVM and I was simply blown away by the engineering classes, so off I went. In the end, it was a perfect fit.

**VC:** What do you miss most about skiing here?

**JC:** I miss the team aspect of college racing. On the world cup, it's all about you, all the time, whether you want it that way or not. Don't get me wrong, we have a great group of guys that are a blast to be around, but it's rare that everyone is happy at the end of a race day.

**VC:** What do you feel are

your biggest accomplishments?

**JC:** The things I'm most proud of really aren't skiing-related. I received an academic award at UVM as an outstanding sophomore in mechanical engineering — I'm pretty proud of that.

**VC:** What are you looking forward to most about Vancouver?

**JC:** My girlfriend and a bunch of friends and family are going to watch the slalom and, more importantly, stay and ski powder for a few days after. I'm really pumped for that.



# Keeping UVM Sweet

## Maple research continues on campus

By Julia Weichert  
Asst. Arts Editor

In most parts of the country, maple syrup is something for topping pancakes, lumberjacks and Buddy the Elf. In Vermont, it's much more than that. From maple ice cream and frosted donuts to maple festivals and over 50 sugar shacks, small houses where sap is boiled down to syrup, maple sugaring extends to an entire

culture in Vermont.

UVM is no exception, with a maple research center and students and professors involved in the industry.

"I believe the maple industry has influenced Vermont greatly," freshman Jenna Baird, whose family owns and operates Baird Farm Maple Syrup in Chittenden, said. "Sugar making has been a longtime tradition in Vermont and the state has become identified with it."

Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United States, according to the official website of the Vermont Maple Industry.

UVM's Proctor Maple Research Center does research relating to sugar maples and their sap and syrup.

"We do a wide variety of research," Director of the Proctor Center Timothy Perkins said. "Everything from tree health [and] forest ecology to more applied research with maple syrup production."

In addition to researching ways to improve maple sugaring, such as the improved spout that Perkins developed last year, the center travels around Vermont each January to share their findings with maple producers.

"The conferences started about 20 years ago as county meetings and [have] collapsed down to three regional conferences," Perkins said.

"For us, our primary audience is really two major groups: the scientific community and the maple industry," Perkins said. "The scientific community is less interested in the more applied research, so if we publish things in the scientific journals, chances are they're never going to be read by maple producers."

The conferences provide the Proctor Maple Research Center — with a division of the college extension — an opportunity to inform maple producers around Vermont about new research.

"Our extension component is to help the maple industry with questions and issues that they may have," Perkins said.

UVM's involvement in the maple industry is not only on the research side of maple sugaring, UVM faculty and students also delve into the sticky side of sugaring.

The Vermont maple sugaring season typically runs from early March into April, although in some ways it is a year-round operation.

"The spring is when the sap flows, but the rest of the year you have to put up your wood, thin your sugarbush to keep your forest healthy, build your wood roads," Baker said. "If you're a sugar maker, you're

pretty much doing it all year round."

CDAE professor Daniel Baker has been producing his own maple syrup for over a decade.

"I started out working for a guy in East Middlebury who sugared with draft horses," Baker said. "I found that I really liked the whole process of making maple syrup."

Professor Baker is a self-professed victim of what is known as "maple fever."

"Maple fever is like, once you start sugaring, you just love it," Baker said. "It's my favorite thing to do."

Baker's enthusiasm for maple sugaring extends beyond making and selling his own maple syrup — he has also used his experience to develop technology to innovate the sugar-making process in Honduras.

"I spent about two and a half years moderating the Vermont [maple syrup] evaporator to work in Honduras," Baker said. "It's a much more efficient evaporator."

Baker's innovation has greatly reduced the fuel consumption involved with making sugar there.

"We see fuel reductions well over 60 percent," Baker said. "One thousand to 1,500 farmers are using it, probably closer to 1,500."

Additionally, Baker has turned his project into a learning opportunity for UVM students.

"It's related to the CDAE program," Baker said. "I take a class down there [every year]."

UVM's involvement with the maple industry doesn't stop at research, teaching and sugaring.

In addition to the research being done at UVM, innovating maple technologies to improve the Vermont maple industry — as well as help developing nations — the University makes an effort to buy local maple products and endorses the industry from the other side.

After the 2007 Farm to College forum, University Dining Services planned on securing bulk maple syrup from local Vermont suppliers, according to the University Dining Services website.

Paying special attention in the last year to local foods, Brennan's gets its maple syrup from Northeast Maple Products in Derby Line, Brennan's manager Bijan Samimi said.

"We use at least 10 gallons every day," Samimi said. "It's 100 percent all-natural, pure maple syrup from Vermont."

By using local maple syrup on campus, the University supports the maple industry that contributes to the culture of Vermont.

"I like to know when I'm consuming food that I am supporting local Vermont farmers," Baird said. "The money that is spent on local food keeps the money in the state, which I think is very important."

"Maple fever is like, once you start sugaring, you just love it."

- Daniel Baker  
UVM CDAE Professor



# Frosty gets a fancy facelift

## Sculptors make art from snow

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Imagine spending hours working on a piece of art work, knowing all the while that it is going to be destroyed in a couple of weeks, days or even hours.

Michael Nedell and Adrian Tans deal with this knowledge constantly, as they carve intricate sculptures out of snow. However, they don't mind that their sculptures are doomed to melt.

"Assuming that we could afford the amount of marble to make these ridiculous sculptures, what would we do with it?" Tans said. "It would be such a pain in the neck."

Nedell and Tans, along with teammate Brooke Reitveld, have been making snow sculptures for over a decade, competing in regional, national and international competitions.

Nedell was inspired to start snow sculpting after seeing snow sculptures on the Burlington waterfront and reading about snow sculpting in *Seven Days*, Nedell said.

He then formed a team with Tans and Reitveld.

Without the impracticality of storing permanent sculptures, creating temporary sculptures of snow appeals philosophically to Nedell and Tans as well.

"It's like this artist mentality that you move on," Tans said. "It's essential, so it's really fortunate that it melts."

Time is an element of snow sculpting, not only after the sculpture has been completed, but during competitions as well.

"Whatever the time limit is, maybe three or four days, if they let us go all night long, we try to stay," Nedell said. "It's really just a battle of when you can get to the point of getting really fine details."

Nedell, Tans and Reitveld have crafted a variety of snow sculptures over the years, finding inspiration in different ways.

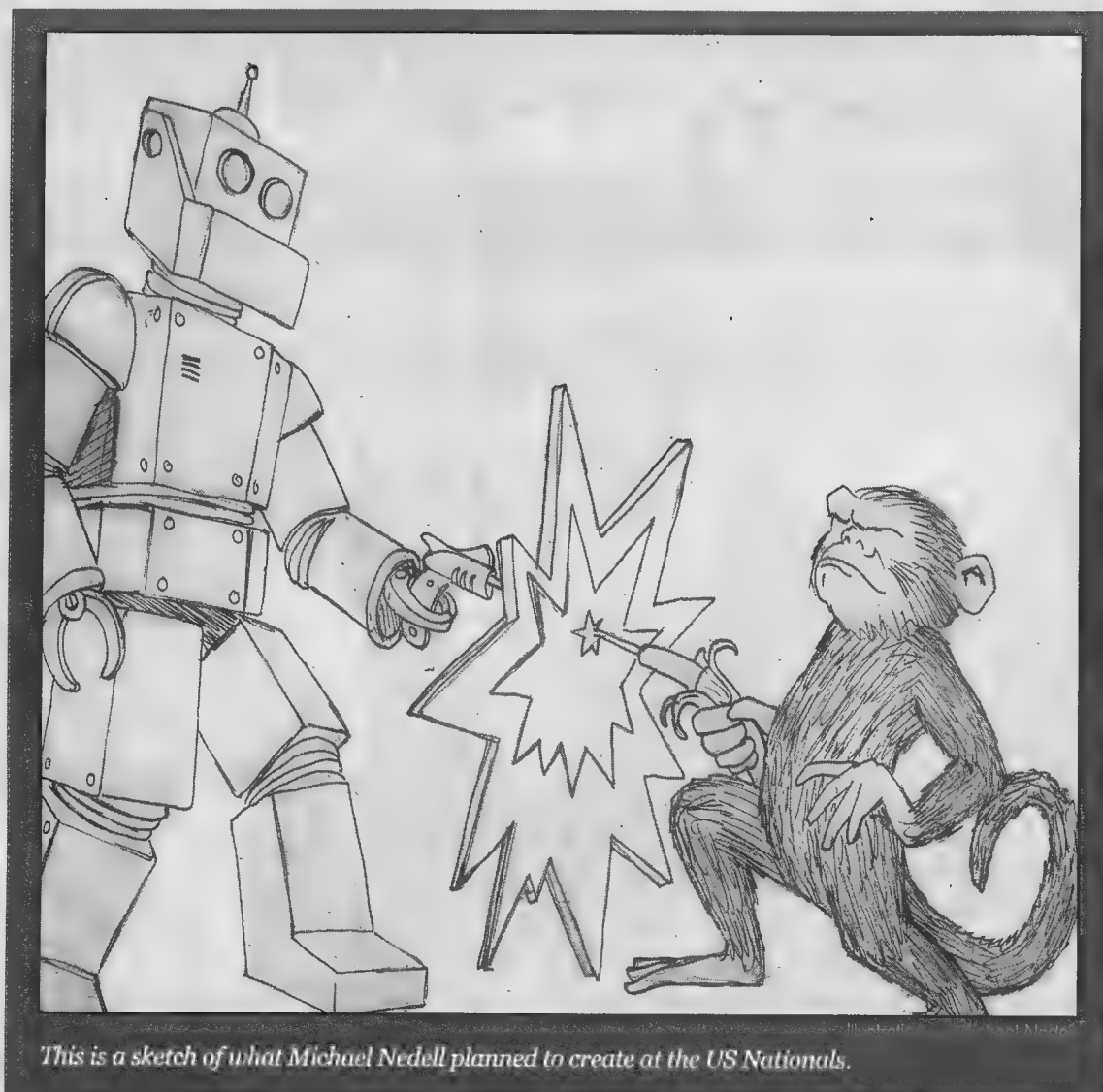
Sometimes, going to an event and being surrounded by snow sculptures can spark inspiration, Nedell said.

Other times, the team sits around and brainstorm.

"Eventually someone says something that's ridiculous," Tans said. "Someone says, 'Hey, that's actually a good idea,' and we make a model."

In the past, Nedell, Tans and Reitveld have made everything from a politically driven microscope examining an American flag to figures sculpting each other.

"We've never made the same thing twice," Nedell said. "There



This is a sketch of what Michael Nedell planned to create at the US Nationals.

are plenty of ideas out there."

Competing is enjoyable and important to them, Nedell said, but it is also clear that Nedell and Tans snow sculpt just for the joy of it.

"Some people like to go deer hunting, some people like to go on fishing trips, we like to go to cold places and make big things out of snow," Nedell said.

Nedell and Tans are in good company as snow sculptors.

"Michaelangelo started as a snow sculptor," Tans said.

For Michaelangelo, snow sculpting was a brief endeavor, but Nedell and Tans seem happy to stick with the medium.

"As far as a sculpture medium, if it weren't for the cold, [snow would be perfect]," Nedell said.

Nedell and Tans don't plan to stop snow sculpting anytime soon.

"When hell freezes over, we'll be there sculpting," Tans said.

Nedell and Tans, along with Reitveld, competed in the 2010 U.S. Nationals Snow Sculpting Competition in Wisconsin Feb. 3-6.

## Russian memoir makes lasting impression

By Colin Driscoll  
Cynic Correspondent

"A memoir is an impression of your life," writer Elena Gorokhova said. "It's an impression of someone looking back." Through her most recent memoir, she hoped to attain this goal.

Gorokhova read several passages from her newly published memoir "A Mountain of Crumbs" to an audience in the Waterman Building on Feb. 1.

When Gorokhova first decided to write the memoir, she did it for personal reasons rather than fame and fortune. Yet her fortunes aligned as publisher Simon & Schuster picked it up.

"Like every writer, I was hoping a big [publishing] house would buy it," Gorokhova said. "What surprised me were the [positive] responses of the writers I approached for advanced quotes."

Gorokhova's memoir consists of 20 chapters, or "episodes," which depict her relationship with her mother and her sister and the experience of growing up in Soviet Russia.

She initially learned this literary style from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt at a conference she attended in 2004.

She uses these time-sensitive characters to depict "hotspots," momentous occasions that set up episodes in her life, according to Gorokhova.

In one episode, Gorokhova tells the tale of a defining middle school experience. During an assignment that required her to write about a play, her teacher scolded her when she chose an American topic rather than a Russian one.

"All of her memories were connected to strong emotions that she felt," Russian literature

student Stephen Kent, who attended the lecture, said.

A running theme throughout the book is Gorokhova's love for the English language. Although she had studied it in school from a young age, she became infatuated when she first heard it spoken.

"My love for English had nothing to do with the ideology or the country, it had to do with the language itself; its musicality," she said. "It was rarely heard, unknown and mysterious."

One of the more frightening episodes of the novel is when Gorokhova joined the "Young Pioneers," an organization that trained Russian children to be communists.

"The human aspect of what happens to a girl growing up is the same in every country, but the setting, I hope, will shed some light on what it was like growing up in [Soviet Russia]," Gorokhova said.

The gravity of the novel hit Russian professor Kevin McKenna hard.

McKenna recently approached President Fogel and asked to make "A Mountain of Crumbs" the required summer reading book for incoming freshmen.

"I consider this the best Russian memoir I have ever read since Nabokov's 'Invitation of a Beheading,'" he said.

Kent, one of McKenna's students, thought that hearing her speak after reading the novel was particularly intriguing.

"[It was] cool to hear her speak her words, expound on her experiences and tell the story," he said.

### Campus REHAB GYM

### New Burlington Location!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

Maria Thibault, PT, ATC, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.

PREMIUM ARTISTIC STREETWEAR

Parasuco  
IMKing  
Live Mechanics  
Rise Up  
Dub Wise  
Dead Cities  
Conant  
Tank Theory  
Aladdin & Smith  
New Era  
Maiden in the Mob  
and many more...

**B-XCLUSIVE**

Plus a Huge Edit, Disc Selection

[WWW.BXCLUSIVESTREETWEAR.COM](http://WWW.BXCLUSIVESTREETWEAR.COM)

Limited Quantities and Exclusives  
Free Shipping and Reasonable Prices



? HIV ?  
**STD** ?  
 ? CDC ?  
 ? HPV  
 ? IUD ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.



**CLOSE TO CAMPUS**  
 23 Mansfield Ave.

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

863-6326

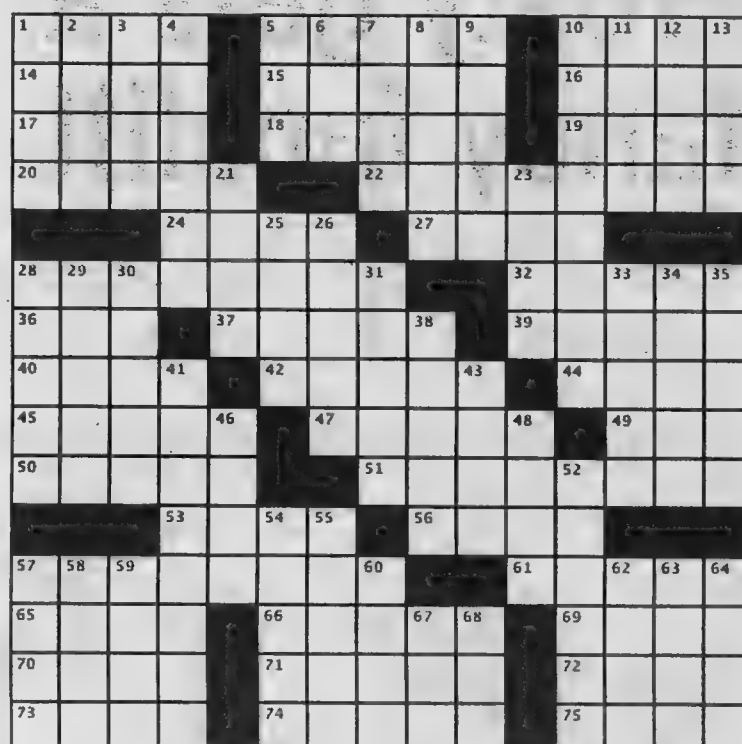
[www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)



[www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)

## Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



### ACROSS

1- Jason's ship  
 5- Lower portion of the small intestine  
 10- Declines  
 14- River to the Moselle  
 15- Words of denial  
 16- Pouting grimace  
 17- Bound  
 18- Up and about  
 19- Drill a hole  
 20- Bay  
 22- Wages  
 24- River in central Switzerland  
 27- Monetary unit of Burma  
 28- Unfaithful  
 32- Author Calvino  
 36- Actress Thurman  
 37- Turkish palace  
 39- Museum piece  
 40- Approached  
 42- Dispatches  
 44- Fissure  
 45- Prolonged pain  
 47- Trades  
 49- Actress Arthur  
 50- Unit of magnetic induction

51- Sales girl

53- Askew  
 56- Off-Broadway theater award  
 57- Supervisor  
 61- Distinguishing characteristic  
 65- "Consarnit!"  
 66- Religion founded in Iran  
 69- Group of birds  
 70- "Night" author Wiesel  
 71- Consumers  
 72- OPEC member  
 73- Comic Foxx  
 74- Flight of steps  
 75- Single

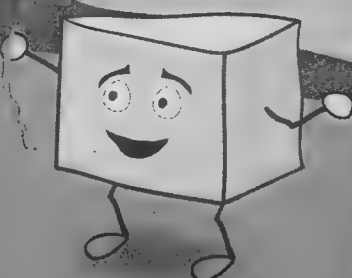
### DOWN

1- Italian wine city  
 2- Drops from the sky  
 3- Scottish Celt  
 4- Severe experience  
 5- Actress Balin  
 6- Acapulco article  
 7- Kitchen addition  
 8- Eskimo boat  
 9- Joyous  
 10- Acidulate  
 11- Blessing  
 12- Town  
 13- Goes out with  
 21- New Mexico art

colony

23- Neet rival  
 25- Deli breads  
 26- Having auricular protuberances  
 28- Gold coin  
 29- Icon  
 30- Aegean island  
 31- Back streets  
 33- "The dog ate my homework" e.g.  
 34- One in prison for good  
 35- The number system with base 8  
 38- Spud state  
 41- Expanded  
 43- Slovenly person  
 46- Goes off-course  
 48- Roasting rod  
 52- Small burrowing rodent  
 54- Picture puzzle  
 55- Brewer's need  
 57- Baltic feeder  
 58- Dell  
 59- Children's author Blyton  
 60- Greek fertility goddess flightless bird  
 62- Dynamic beginning  
 63- Lendl of tennis  
 64- Actress Daly  
 67- Jackie's second  
 68- Neighbor of Leb.

**Don't just think about what you'll give on Valentine's Day, but what you'll eat!**



Pick up fresh-cut, local filet mignon steaks; delicious fruits and veggies; local and Fair Trade chocolates; plus choose from an affordable selection of sparkling wines, champagne and Prosecco. Finish off the meal with a cup of Love Buzz Fair Trade coffee on sale this month for only \$7.99/lb.

### Wine Specials

Adami Prosecco  
 750 mL

**\$12.99**  
 Save \$1

Cristalino Brut Rosé  
 750 mL

**\$9.99**  
 Save \$1

### Fair Trade Roses

**\$30/dozen**  
 Order early!  
 (802)-861-9710



### Class Listing:

Roses Workshop  
 Saturday, February 13 - noon - 1:00 p.m.



**Your Community-Owned Grocery Store**

82 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington VT 05401

Open 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. every day

802-861-9700

[www.citymarket.coop](http://www.citymarket.coop)

We welcome EBT, CATS, Scratch, Knight & CCCash Cards and manufacturers' coupons

## Sudoku

### Easy

9	1	7		8				3
3	6		2		9	1	4	
	5	4						
		3	1					
7		9	5		2	3		4
					4	5		
						8	3	
	7	6	3		5		9	1
1				4		7	6	5

### Hard

	4					8		
				9			6	3
			7		2	1		
1		2					7	
			2		9			
	3					9		6
		1	3		6			
8	6			7				
		4					9	



## 2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



## Dog Days - Part 3 of 3 By DJ Cohen



## No Good Reason by R. Valenti



Looking for answers to the crossword puzzle this week? Stop by the bulletin board by the Cynic office for the solution!

 **welcome back**   
students

show us your valid college id & get a  
**free sandwich**  
w/purchase of a large fry & medium drink



Offer Valid at McDonald's in South Burlington (Includes the University Mall),  
Essex, Essex Junction, & Colchester VT



## Sports Shorts

By Will Andreycaik

### Men's basketball set for Bracket Busters

The men's basketball team will host Fairfield University in an ESPN Bracket Buster game on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. The idea of Bracket Buster games is to set up mid-major teams in inter-conference battles that could shape the seeding of the NCAA tournament in March.

This is the fifth time that Vermont has been selected to participate in Bracket Buster games. Fairfield is currently third in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and are 15-7 this season.

### Basketball program participates in "Pink Zone"

The men and women's basketball teams will participate in the "Pink Zone" initiative for the fourth straight season. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Pink Zone is a global effort to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses and in communities.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, the women's basketball team will host Boston University at 7 p.m. in their Pink Game, where the team will be wearing pink uniforms that will be auctioned off after the game. The men's Pink Game will take place on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. against New Hampshire.

### Former Catamount goalie called up to NHL

Former Vermont goaltender Joe Fallon was called up by the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks last week. Fallon, class of 2008, became the seventh Catamount to dress for a NHL team this season.

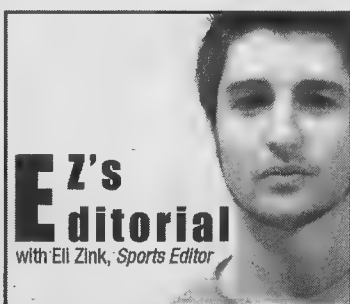
Fallon played for the Catamounts from 2004-2008. He ended his career as Vermont's all-time leader in save percentage, shutouts and goals against average.

His 20 shutouts rank second all time in NCAA Division I history. Fallon served as the backup goalie in Chicago's 3-2 loss to St. Louis last week in his first career game.

### Florida Gators land top recruiting class

The college football season may have just ended, but the hype for next season has already begun. National Signing Day occurred last week as the nations top recruits choose their colleges.

Florida hauled in the #1 class, and the general consensus is that the class is the best in school history. The class includes three of the top seven prospects and 11 of the top 50 at Rivals.com, a leading recruiting website.



## This one's for you, athletes

I grew up attending football games in the largest stadium in the country — and it was not an NFL team's stadium.

I'm sure many of you are familiar with "The Big House," where the University of Michigan football team plays their home games.

To this day, I'm still a die-hard Michigan fan, despite the ugly path Rich Rod has dragged us down. I still believe in him — kind of.

But I'm not here to talk

logistics of Michigan football or where the program is headed — I want to address and thank our athletes and note their true mettle compared to those big-time conference athletes, such as the Big Ten's Michigan.

At U of M, which I am very familiar with from growing up in Ann Arbor — the city which is intertwined with the University to the core — athletes often are what we call "prima donnas."

Their fame within the city of upwards of 100k people is unparalleled.

Playing for Michigan, athletes become small-scale celebrities, which in turn creates ego-driven players who act like they are better than the rest of the student body.

I remember being in downtown Ann Arbor one time and seeing Michigan basketball player Brent Petway.

I had seen Petway, a big-time dunker who was nicknamed "Air Georgia," play in a game in the weekend before and wanted to congratulate him on the team's

win.

I passed by him and said something along the lines of "good game Brent!" His reply — instead of a polite thank you or even a brief chat — was simply a raised eyebrow and snort as he pulled out his cell phone.

U of M athletes blend into the student population as well as stones blend into a Ben and Jerry's milkshake. The students at the school treat the players like celebrities, thus creating an aura of awe for the athletes that makes them unapproachable.

That is what makes UVM, and covering UVM sports as a journalist, so special.

Athletes at UVM blend in with the rest of the Vermont student body seamlessly.

One might think that the relatively small, cozy population of Burlington would make star athletes stand out even more — especially at UVM because our hockey team is an annual national force.

But that has not been the case for me as a journalist or a student.

The community involvement with athletes at UVM is special because it never crosses the line of treating athletes like Hollywood celebrities, which happens so frequently at power-conference schools.

Both the athletic department, and the coaches themselves, encourage players to be involved and be active role models in the community, not to mention being personable for media pests like me, and the student-athletes at Vermont do a great job of that.

As my time as sports editor for *The Cynic* winds down, I realize that working with the athletes and those involved in our athletic system is very unique. It always feels like a connected community and there is no separation between athletes, students and employees here.

So as a way of sending myself off as sports editor, I simply have to thank and applaud the UVM student-athletes for representing the University and themselves well, as well as being a pleasure to work with.

# As AEast championships approach, track and field must "dial-in"

By Eli Zink  
Sports Editor

Not only are the men and women's basketball and hockey teams finding success as the spring season approaches, but the men and women's track and field teams have shown that they can compete at an elite level as well.

Both teams find themselves in good positions heading into the America East championships after strong showings at meets at the Reebok Classic in Boston over the weekend of Jan. 29 and at Dartmouth last weekend.

"I was very pleased to see the way we did overall, especially without any field event people," assistant coach Greg Wisser said. "It was interesting to see where people were development-wise."

Wisser said that the team has a potent blend of talent between the veteran upperclassmen and the young, but skilled, freshmen.

Notable freshmen include Ryan Sleeper, who won the 1,000m with a time of 2:28.66, and Dan Ciabattoni, a jumper who went outside the box and ran in the 55m, finishing in the top 20 overall.

For Ciabattoni, the meet in Boston was particularly thrilling because it presented a challenge for him that he had never faced.

"[Running the 55m] was really exciting," Ciabattoni said. "I never ran indoor track before, my high school didn't have a team."

As the America East indoor championships approach, the team feels that the past two meets gave a

good indication of where they can place.

"You definitely saw both the men's and women's distance teams step up," Wisser said.

"There were first-time runners in certain events, and the meets helped get them ready," he said.

"With a couple more weeks of development they're going to have nice conference championships."

Though the freshmen have shown that they are fully capable of competing in the conference, the seniors for the Catamounts have set the bar high.

In Boston, senior Justin Scricca set a new UVM record in the 200m with a time of 22.26, breaking the old record of 22.29, on his way to a second-place overall finish.

"Everyone did really well. Justin [Scricca] broke the 200 which was really exciting, the distance guys did great, we all performed overall," Ciabattoni said.

Meanwhile, senior David Hanss finished sixth overall in the 55m hurdles.

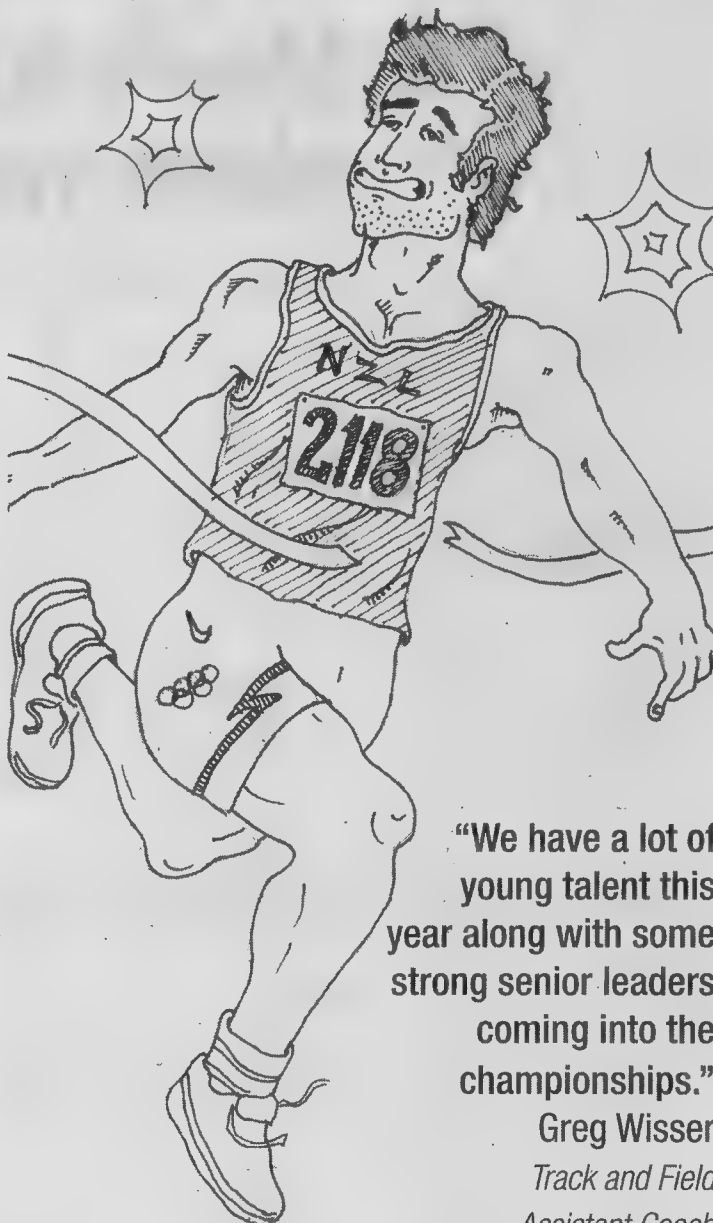
The steady guidance of the seniors, as well as the new talented freshmen, could translate into a competitive showing at the championships.

"The coaches are excited. We have a lot of young talent this year along with some strong senior leaders coming into the championships," Wisser said.

"It's coming down to crunch time so everyone is starting to dial in and focus in."

The Cats will be in action next at the Valentine Invitational in Boston Feb 12.

## Recent meets help track and field "know what to expect" in AEast championships



"We have a lot of young talent this year along with some strong senior leaders coming into the championships."

Greg Wisser  
Track and Field  
Assistant Coach





## ← last week

**Men's basketball** 02/03**Vermont 64, Maine 51**

In a battle for second place in the America East Conference, senior Marqus Blakely scored 22 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had five steals.

Junior Evan Fjeld scored 13 points and hauled in 10 rebounds. The Catamounts went 13-14 from the free throw line on their way to a season sweep of Maine.

**Women's basketball** 02/03**Vermont 64, Maine 44**

May Kotsopoulos scored a game-high 18 points to lead four Vermont players into double figures. The Catamounts improved to 18-5 overall and 8-2 in the America East.

**Men's hockey** 01/29**No. 19 Maine 6, No. 17 Vermont 3**

In the first game of a weekend double-header, Maine sophomore Gustav Nyquist, the nation's third leading scorer, scored a goal and added two assists.

Junior Justin Milo, junior Wahsontio Stacey, and freshman Sebastian Stalberg scored the three goals for the Catamounts, who dropped to 12-9-2 on the season.

**Men's hockey** 01/30**No. 17 Vermont 4, No. 19 Maine 4**

Junior Wahsontio Stacey recorded all four points for the Catamounts — 2 goals, 2 assists — to lead Vermont to a tie in the second game of a weekend double-header. Senior co-captain Brian Roloff added a goal and two assists.

Vermont held the lead until 4:14 left in the game when Maine captain Tanner House tied the game on the power play.

**Women's hockey** 02/03**Vermont 2, No. 4 New Hampshire 1**

Freshman Erin Wente scored with just two and a half minutes left in the game to give Vermont the win over ranked New Hampshire. The win was the first in 22 tries against New Hampshire for the women's hockey team and gave the Catamounts the most wins in a season, 9, since they became a D-I program.

## next week →

**Tuesday** 02/09

**Men's basketball @ Boston University**  
7 p.m.

**Wednesday** 02/10

**Women's basketball vs. Boston University**  
7 p.m. Patrick Gymnasium

**Friday** 02/12

**Men's hockey vs. Merrimack**  
7 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

**Saturday** 02/13

**Men's hockey vs. Merrimack**  
7 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

**Women's hockey @ New Hampshire**  
2 p.m.

**Women's hockey @ Binghamton**  
2 p.m.

**Sunday** 02/14

**Men's basketball vs. New Hampshire**  
2 p.m. Patrick Gymnasium  
"Pink Zone" Game



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Marqus Blakely (23) throws down one of his trademark jams over an Albany defender as Maurice Joseph (24) and Garvey Young (21) stand by as witnesses. Vermont is yet again in the race for best record in the conference thanks to the stellar play of Blakely and company.

## Men's basketball secures second place ranking with win over Maine

Strong defensive effort gives Cats the edge in America East conference

By Will Andreycaik  
Staff Writer

Coming off an important win over Albany, the Catamounts entered the game against Maine on Feb. 3 looking to keep the momentum going.

The Albany win had snapped a three-game losing streak for the Catamounts, who had previously won 12 of 13 games, and seven in a row.

In a battle for second place in the conference, Vermont was indeed able to build on that win and put on a dominant defensive effort against Maine on their way to a 64-51 win at Patrick Gymnasium.

Feeding off of the noise and excitement of the packed crowd, the Catamounts opened the game on an 11-2 run keyed by stifling man-defense by Evan Fjeld and Garvey Young. Forcing turnovers and scoring on the fast break was an early theme for Vermont.

Despite shooting only 23 percent from three-point range, the Catamounts were able to score 20 points off of turnovers, because of Young's dominant defensive play.

Young did not score in the game, but his defensive play was key, and head coach Mike Lonergan couldn't emphasize the importance of it enough.

"Our defense was great. I want to give Garvey Young a

McElmore, all night and rendered McElmore completely ineffective.

McElmore shot only 2-10 from the field with just five points.

Marqus Blakely led the

thunderous roar.

Blakely indicated that work still needs to be done, but playing good defensive basketball always gives you a chance to win.

"We have to get everyone on the same page, but it definitely helps when the crowd is behind you and defensively we are playing well, which we did tonight," Blakely said.

Evan Fjeld contributed 13 points and 10 rebounds, and the guard combination of Nick Veir and Joey Accaoui recorded 10 points, nine assists and only two turnovers.

The victory for Vermont vaults them into second place in the America East Conference and Coach Lonergan acknowledged that from this point forward, every game is critical for seeding in the conference tournament.

"This is a big win for us," Lonergan said.

"For seeding when the tournament comes along, we are going to be fighting for first, second or third place and to be able to sweep Maine, one of the better teams, is huge for us."

### Men's Basketball 2009-2010

Garvey Young continued to keep the momentum going for the Catamounts as they went on the road to take on UMBC Feb. 5. Young recorded the first double-double of his career, recording 20 points and 10 rebounds. This Cats came out on top against UMBC, 79-60.

This was the 10th road win of the year for the Catamounts, as they lead

the country in road victories. This was also the fourth win in a row for the Catamounts over UMBC.

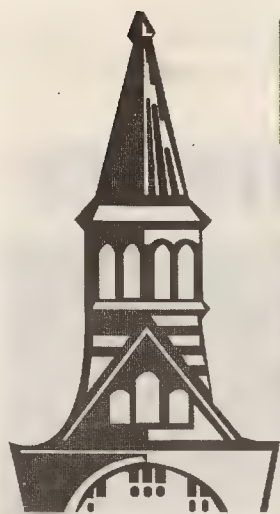
The regular season is winding down for the team. As they return home to Patrick Gym on Sunday, Feb. 14, to play New Hampshire, after a road trip to UMBC and Boston University, this will be the first of their last three regular season games at home.

lot of credit; Not many times you see someone score zero points and have a huge impact on the game. I really thought his defense was incredible."

Young was matched up on Maine's top scorer, Gerald

Catamounts in scoring and rebounding — 22 points, 10 rebounds — and stole the spotlight with a signature dunk on the fast break over a Maine defender, drawing the foul and causing the crowd to erupt in a





**MARCHAND RESOLUTION**  
SGA discusses the option of a bill regarding tuition and tragedy

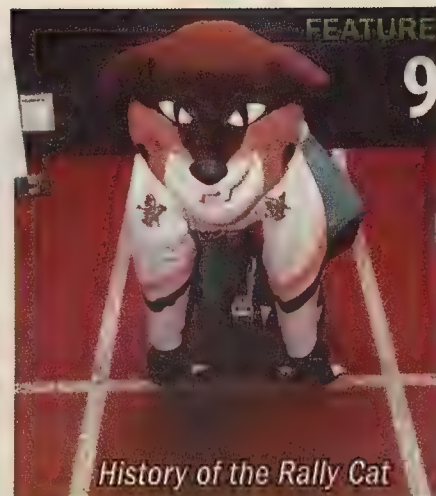
2

**THE FIFTH BUSINESS...**  
...is sexual. This local indie band is gaining momentum

6

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883



FEATURE

9

History of the Rally Cat

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, February 16, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 18 | Burlington, Vermont

## City Market goes solar

page 3



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

City Market Operations Manager Patrick Burns on the roof of City Market with its newly-installed solar panels.

## Hearts in the right place

By Jenna Tucker  
Cynic Correspondent

Many organizations are sending money, blood and supplies to those affected by the earthquake in Haiti, but one UVM professor believes that the most important type of aid has gone unaddressed.

CDAE professor Dr. Chyi-Lyi (Kathleen) Liang said she wants to provide orphaned and stranded Haitian children with a positive message to give them a little emotional support.

"I asked my students 'Why don't we do something for the children?' and we just dreamed up this idea of One Heart to Haiti," Liang said.

The purpose of the project is to make cards in the shape of hearts that carry a positive message to be sent to the children of Haiti, she said.

"They need to see something from another side of the world, from a different country, from another child," Liang said.

Liang said she is also collecting small school supplies that are easy to transport with the paper hearts to aid the children once the schools are rebuilt.

International nonprofit organization Pure Water for the World has volunteered to transport all of the hearts, Liang said.

Liang is also teaming up with the Vermont Haiti Project — along with other organizations in states as far away as California — to get the word and the shipments out, she said.

"Now we have New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, Oklahoma and some other states. They're all doing it," Liang said. "It was started on Tuesday! This is Friday and I already have different states and people becoming involved. The message is getting out."

The student-operated store Growing Vermont is one of the many UVM groups getting involved.

"The students were excited

about the opportunity to be of service," Growing Vermont manager Gwen Pokalo said. "One Heart to Haiti helps with our mission to help build communities."

**"All I'm asking is to share a little bit of love with the children in Haiti."**

Dr. Chyi-Lyi (Kathleen) Liang  
CDAE Professor

The store has offered discounts to those contributing to the project — 15 percent off for making a heart, 30 percent off for donating school supplies, Pokalo said.

Growing Vermont has collected between 50 and 100 paper cards so far, and the boxes

## New project on campus lends Haitian children emotional support

in Liang's office have received hundreds, she said.

"It takes time, and that's all right. We'll give whatever we have and just send it to children one box at a time," Liang said.

Liang said she doesn't see the efforts ending anytime soon.

"We want to do this in the long term. We don't want to send a gigantic box and then it's done," Dr. Liang said. "They need supplies, they need stuff, but they need it constantly. It's not just because of this earthquake. They need it all the time."

Pokalo agreed. "This doesn't just go away," she said. "We're still cleaning up after Hurricane Katrina."

Nevertheless, I'm excited for the potential of this program, she said.

Some students are less optimistic.

"I think it is a good idea but I don't know how much it would help them," freshman Seth Rebeor said. "They need more

than just cards with emotional support. Money or water or food, just something that would help. Anything that would help, really."

However, Liang said she feels every type of contribution is valuable.

"Everyone is chipping in money already, but there are other important things," she said. "I know it's not food, it's not water, but it's for a different purpose."

Liang said she hopes that the Valentine's Day spirit will jump-start the level of student involvement.

"Valentine's Day is not just about lovers, it's about sharing the love with everybody. We share love with others who are totally suffering at this point," Liang said. "Everybody can draw a heart. And everybody is encouraged to."

The exact future of One Heart to Haiti is unknown. "All I hope to see is more hearts in that box," Liang said.



# SGA divided on how to respond to murder

## Two-part resolution would send condolences and put pressure on administration to lower tuition

By Max Harwood  
News Editor

The murder of prospective student Olivia Marchand has left the SGA wondering how the student body should respond to the tragedy.

Brian Marchand shot his daughter, who was planning on attending UVM this fall, after a dispute involving the cost of tuition, according to the *Boston Herald*.

**"I don't know how they sleep at night. [The cost of tuition] is too much."**  
Marty Frye  
SGA Senator

The SGA is undecided over whether or not to pass a resolution that would combine sending the condolences to the Marchand family with putting pressure on the administration to lower the cost of tuition.

The SGA was divided on whether or not to pass the resolution, because of the connection it draws between the

shooting and the cost of tuition.

"You should divide this resolution in two," Senator German Vivas said.

The economic element and the tragedy should be handled in separate resolutions, she said.

Other senators agreed.

The resolution puts too much blame on the University, Senator Josh Benes said.

"It is more about sending condolences to the family," Benes said.

However, some senators said they supported both parts of the resolution.

The administration should be ashamed for having such high tuition, Senator Marty Frye said.

"I don't know how they sleep at night," he said. "[The cost of tuition] is too much."

Other senators said they support the resolution because of its emotional element.

"It says that we care about our community members," Senator Mike Glynne said.

Some students said they are concerned about the resolution.

The two parts of the resolution are unrelated, sophomore Aaron Rice said.

"You can't use that one [incident] as data [indicating] they should lower tuition," Rice



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Tyler Wilkinson-Ray addresses the SGA on Feb. 9. The group discussed issues ranging from the Marchand Resolution to the Student Neighborhood Resolution.

said.

Rice said he was also concerned that the resolution ignores the realities of the budget.

"[The administrators] are not just increasing [tuition] because they want to — they have costs," he said.

However, students also said they support the condolences and realize that tuition can be a burden on families.

Paying to come here can cause

a lot of stress, sophomore Kailey Schillinger said. "Going to school where you want shouldn't put a strain on your family."

Whether or not the tuition is too high, some senators at the meeting said they were also hesitant to approve of the resolution because they lacked information.

At the time of the meeting, the senators did not have any sources other than the one article from

the *Boston Herald*.

"We can't just use one source of information," Chair Nick Carafelli said.

Reaching no agreement, the senators elected to postpone voting on the resolution until a future meeting.

Either way, it's important to send condolences, Schillinger said. "Whether or not [the resolution] passes, that should happen."

## Taking on an invisible issue New student group aims to raise awareness

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Students across the country suffer physical and emotional damage every year from eating disorders, and UVM is no exception.

To acknowledge this reality, Active Minds — a newly recognized club — and the Center for Health and Wellbeing and Active Minds are hosting events for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week from Feb. 22-26.

"Our week is about recovery and coming together to talk about what recovery looks like in college and what are the support systems that are or aren't present, and just reducing the silence," Annie Cressey, health educator in Health Promotions and advisor for Active Minds, said.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), "In the United States, as many as 10 million females and one million males are fighting a life and death battle with an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia. Millions more are struggling with binge eating disorder."

"There are way more students struggling on campus than people know because it can be such a well kept secret," sophomore Amy Goodnough said.

NEDA decided to follow this year's national theme: "It's time to talk about it," Cressey said.

This theme fits in well because one of the main components of Active Minds is to have conversations full of hope, junior Kelly Andrews, secretary of Active Minds, said.

"Active Minds is a student-run organization where the main goal is to reduce the stigma around mental health and increase conversation, making it positive and really just connecting," Cressey said.

This is the club's first semester looking into programming and outreach.

**"There are way more students struggling on campus than people know because it can be such a well kept secret."**

Amy Goodnough  
UVM Sophomore

"When I was in college we heard about bulimia and anorexia," Cressey said. "Now there are so many other distorted relationships with food from binge overeating to restricting and compulsive exercising — it is very multi-layered."

Active Minds wants to encourage people to view eating disorders as a mental health issue and not just a physical issue, Cressey said.

"The food and the fat is this huge red herring for what's really going on internally," Goodnough said.

Recovery from an eating disorder is all about dealing with the mental part, Andrews said.

"It is important to know that you might take steps forward,

and taking steps back does not mean that you are a failure or that you can't continue down the road toward overall well-being," Goodnough said.

This, as well as the wide spectrum of eating disorders, is a message that Active Minds hopes to relay during the week.

Because people do not associate themselves with the extreme eating disorder descriptions in textbooks, many people don't think they fit the criteria, Cressey said.

"A lot of students are falling in that middle area where there are a lot of harmful behaviors going on, and they don't realize that they need to seek help," she said.

This week is important because it is an opportunity for these people to be reached, Cressey said.

"Many people do suffer in silence and researchers around the country are talking about how [eating disorders are] rising in epidemic proportions — we need to help provide hope," Andrews said.

This week's events include:

- Candlelight Vigil on Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. in the L/L walkway.
- Panel Discussion on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the L/L fireplace lounge.
- Movie showing of "America the Beautiful: Is America obsessed with Beauty" on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Grand Maple Ballroom
- Creating Prayer Flags of Healing and Hope at Brennan's on Feb. 25 from 6-8 p.m.

## SGA hears Burlington's cries

### New resolution proposes to help students get involved in activism downtown

By Pat Tyler  
Cynic Correspondent

Every weekend, energetic and loud students make Burlington a lively college town. However, voices from the Burlington community have asked that students give back to the city that hosts them.

SGA Chair Mike Glynne recently proposed the Student Neighborhood Resolution to do just that.

If passed, the resolution would compel and enable UVM students to contribute to Burlington through approved service projects and initiatives, Glynne said.

"I've had more than four people already come up to me and ask about projects," Glynne said.

Foremost among the ideas he heard were initiatives to build rose gardens and birdhouses within the Burlington community, he said.

Glynne said that he hoped the new resolution would give potential activists the funding and encouragement they need to break ground on new projects.

"All community members say is that 'we want to see students out there doing something,'" he said. "We're trying to give the community something they can see."

Visible indicators of student involvement would give UVM a better bargaining chip in community relations, he said.

Several senators said that they applaud the spirit of the

resolution but they are skeptical of its practical application and the management of funds.

"You're going to have to keep track of these grants," SGA Chair Tyler Wilkinson-Ray said. "You're going to have to make sure that they're being spent the way you want them to be spent."

The resolution accounts for the use of grants through careful monitoring and midway progress reports of funded projects, Glynne said.

**"All community members say that 'we want to see students out there doing something.'"**

Mike Glynne  
SGA Chair

There will be a \$1,000 dollar budget cap on spending and most funds will come from student donations, Glynne said.

"We have gotten support from the top down," Glynne said.

Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss is also a firm supporter of increased activism and community relations on the part of UVM students, Glynne said.

The resolution's most important attribute is its ability to empower individuals and make it a students' bill rather than an organization's initiative, Glynne said.

SGA elected to wait to vote on the resolution.



# City Market goes solar

City Market becomes the first to sell back solar energy in Burlington

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Interested in furthering its mission to promote sustainability, City Market recently became a local leader in solar energy.

City Market began its installation of 136 solar panels on the store roof this past January.

"It's a nice way for us to support renewable energy, not just for our customers, but also for the local electric utility," Chris Lyon, assistant operations manager of City Market said.

City Market will be selling their solar energy directly back to Burlington Electric, he said.

"We will be selling the electricity back directly to Burlington Electric. So in a sense, we become a power electric station that generates renewable energy for the city of Burlington," City Market Operations Manager Patrick Burns said.

According to their website, City Market is the first business in Vermont to directly sell electricity gathered from solar panels to Burlington Electric's energy grid.

This process is known as a "Feed-in Tariff," which is a Vermont legislative policy that requires electric companies to pay a premium for energy produced from renewable sources.

"[Vermont] became the first state in the nation to offer a "Feed-in Tariff" which is basically providing much higher than the market rate of electricity that they will pay us for generating," Lyon said.

The solar energy sold to Burlington Electric from City Market will bring in "just shy of 12 cents [per kilowatt hour]" for the store, Burns said.

"When the panels are operating at peak output they will generate 31 Kilowatts of energy. On cloudy days they won't generate at that level," he

said.

"I believe that we are going to be the largest solar installation in Burlington definitely, and close to it in Chittenden County," Burns said.

**"We will be selling the electricity directly back to Burlington Electric. So in a sense, we become a power electric station that generates renewable energy for the city of Burlington."**

**Patrick Burns**  
*City Market  
Operations Manager*

The solar panels will produce three percent of the electricity

needed to power the grocery store, he said.

Jessie Ruth Corkins, a sophomore at UVM, said she is not completely satisfied with the energy output expected from the solar project.

"As a City Market shopper, [the solar project] is pretty awesome, but it's just really a drop in the bucket in terms of really covering their electrical needs," Corkins said. "To only be covering three percent is a drop in the bucket."

It seems small, but every little bit helps, Burns said.

"Three percent doesn't sound like a lot. But you know, in a grocery store with freezers, with refrigeration that works 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it becomes significant," he said.

Walter Poleman, UVM Faculty Director of the GreenHouse RLC, said he firmly supports City Market's solar panel project.

"It's great. I think individual businesses and residences can

be proactive in reducing their energy usage, partly because it will save them money and become more self-sufficient, more localized, more connected in with free energy sources," Poleman said.

The response from the Burlington community has been great, Burns said.

"We have had really excited people outside as they walk by and see the panels being lifted," Lyon said. "We've had people on a very basic level question why we would do it, and beyond the social part of it, it's economically viable for us."

With the support of the Burlington community, the solar panel project is able to happen, Lyon said.

"Too many people are looking at the short term, the next year, the next quarter. We know that it will provide us something for the next 25 to 30 years that you just can't get from anyone else out there. It makes sense," he said.

## Faculty proposes to cut studio art minor to improve class availability

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

Studio art majors struggling to get into required classes may be at ease because of a proposal to eliminate the studio art minor.

This proposal is intended to strengthen the arts program by catering to the needs of majors and making studio art classes more available to students.

"In the spring '10 semester, of 76 sophomore studio art majors, only 20 got into 100-level classes," art department Chair Bill McDowell said.

Currently, UVM has 428 studio art minors and 294 majors, which makes for a lot of competition over the same required classes, McDowell said.

"It's a very serious problem," McDowell said, "when majors can't fulfill their requirements because they couldn't get into the classes they need."

If approved by the Provost Office and the Board of Trustees, this proposal would phase out the studio art minor over the next four years, while still honoring all current declared minors.

"The art department is not

shrinking," McDowell said. "This is a positive thing because we are enhancing the major."

If this proposal passes, there would be "more classes available for non-art majors," McDowell said, "including for students in the other colleges."

As it is, only students in the College of Arts and Sciences can declare a studio art minor.

"Trying to get the classes I need has always been trouble," Sophomore studio art major Lora Miller said. "If this makes it easier, then I'm all for it."

Studio art classes generally

have 10-15 people, Miller said.

"I wouldn't want to make the classes bigger and risk losing that interaction with the professor," she said.

Sophomore studio art minor Hannah Rosenberg said she feels it is important to have a studio art minor available.

"I wanted something on my degree to recognize my experience in the studio arts," Rosenberg said, "especially when I devote all those credit hours."

"For people who are serious," Rosenberg said, "art takes a lot of time and a lot of work."

Popularity among studio arts classes has led to a phenomenon McDowell called "phantom minors," or students who declare an arts minor just to get into art classes.

"We've been trying to come up with a way to better address the needs of the major for several years," McDowell said. "This solution should provide opportunities for majors to take their classes in a timely fashion."

"The number of students taking art classes won't change," McDowell said, "just the quality of the major."

## New scholarship available this fall

A merit-based scholarship established in honor of Richard W. Hube Jr. will be available to in-state students

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

This fall, a new scholarship will be offered in honor of Richard W. Hube Jr., a former Vermont legislator and a member of the Board of Trustees who passed away on Dec. 21.

The merit-based scholarship will only be available to students from Vermont, and those from the five towns that Hube served in as a legislator will receive first preference.

"Richard was cherished as a human being," University President Daniel Mark Fogel said. "He was unusually committed, engaged and an overall humane and passionate person. There was a lot of affection for him."

Although Hube was not an alumnus of the University, his work with the Board of Trustees was highly respected, Fogel said.

He resided in southern Vermont for the majority of his life and served as a legislator for five towns in southern Vermont: Stratton, Jamaica, Londonderry, Weston and Winhal, Anne Forcier, liaison to the president

from Development and Alumni relations, said.

"The scholarship is supported by a total of 13 honorary members," she said. "It is led by two head co-chairs, Judy Livingston and Tom Little."

Senior Kate Rooney supports the Hube scholarship — as well as all scholarships — because she feels they motivate students to excel in school.

"Scholarships are important because they recognize a student's hard work and even may motivate them to succeed further in academics because they don't just act as financial aid," she said. "They're given to students to advance educational goals."

Forcier said that funding for the scholarship comes from private grants and that the program is trying to raise \$100,000 before it can be available to students in the fall.

"This is an endowed scholarship, which means that if it gets to \$100,000, it will be permanent," she said.

Funding comes from a variety of donors, which is standard for

most scholarships, Forcier said.

"The program has officially reached \$1,500 so far," she said.

Like other supporters of the scholarship, President Fogel said he believes this scholarship is a beneficial addition to our university.

"It will make it easier for students to attend the University and minimize the debt, if any, that they have to acquire for attendance," he said. "It will also help us build the kind of classes that we hope to incur."

Simply having a scholarship in Hube's name is important because it highlights how much he was appreciated, Fogel said.

"It's a really nice thing that's happening," Forcier said. "He was a really wonderful man, so it's great to see his name and his legacy being honored in this way."

Contributions to the scholarship may be sent to Development and Alumni Relations, University of Vermont, Grasse Mount Building, 411 Main Street, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

### Electric Beach Hair & Tanning

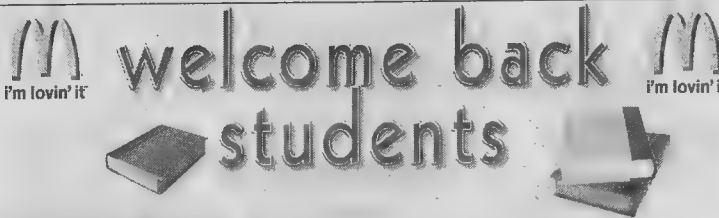
Where it's all about you

**\$5 off any single tanning service or \$10 off any hair service**

all college cards accepted

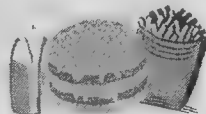
1166 Williston Road, South Burlington  
864-1500 • [www.electricbeachvt.com](http://www.electricbeachvt.com)

Cutting  
Styling  
Coloring  
Waxing  
Perming  
Conditioning  
Licensed Massages  
Spacapsule Massages  
Facials  
Weightloss Body Wraps  
7 Levels of Tanning:  
• High Pressure  
• Face Tanner  
• Leg Tanner  
• Spray Tanning



show us your **valid college id & get a free sandwich**

w/purchase of a large fry & medium drink



Offer Valid at McDonald's in South Burlington (Includes the University Mall),  
Essex, Essex Junction, & Colchester VT



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News),  
Katie Gioia (Copy)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Matthew  
Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Daimir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Manager**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# SGA: Send your sympathies, not your policies

The SGA here at UVM recently proposed a resolution that would offer condolences to the Marchand family in light of the tragic shooting.

Because the shooting appeared to be fueled by a debate over UVM tuition prices, the resolution would also contain a section putting pressure on the University to lower the cost of attending UVM.

We believe — and fortunately many senators agree with us — that these two issues should not be juxtaposed.

Offering condolences is certainly appropriate, and we doubt anybody opposes that aspect of the resolution, but this tragedy should not be exploited to make attending UVM cheaper.

The resolution would put far too much blame on the University for Olivia Marchand's death.

We shouldn't blame the school or its tuition for this tragedy; it was an isolated act of an emotionally disturbed father.

We shouldn't point a finger at UVM and say, "Look what you did. Change your ways."

Plenty of schools have tuition that rivals, and in many cases surpasses, that of UVM.

Olivia Marchand could have wanted to attend the University of Michigan, and the same tragedy could have occurred.

Everybody would love to come to school for less money, but tuition goes up for a reason and it can't just be lowered at the drop of a hat.

This resolution would say, "In memory of Olivia, please lower tuition" and if UVM doesn't respond by lowering tuition, they risk appearing cold-hearted when really their hands are tied by budget concerns.

That is unfair.

Let's recognize the Marchand family tragedy for what it is: a tragedy.

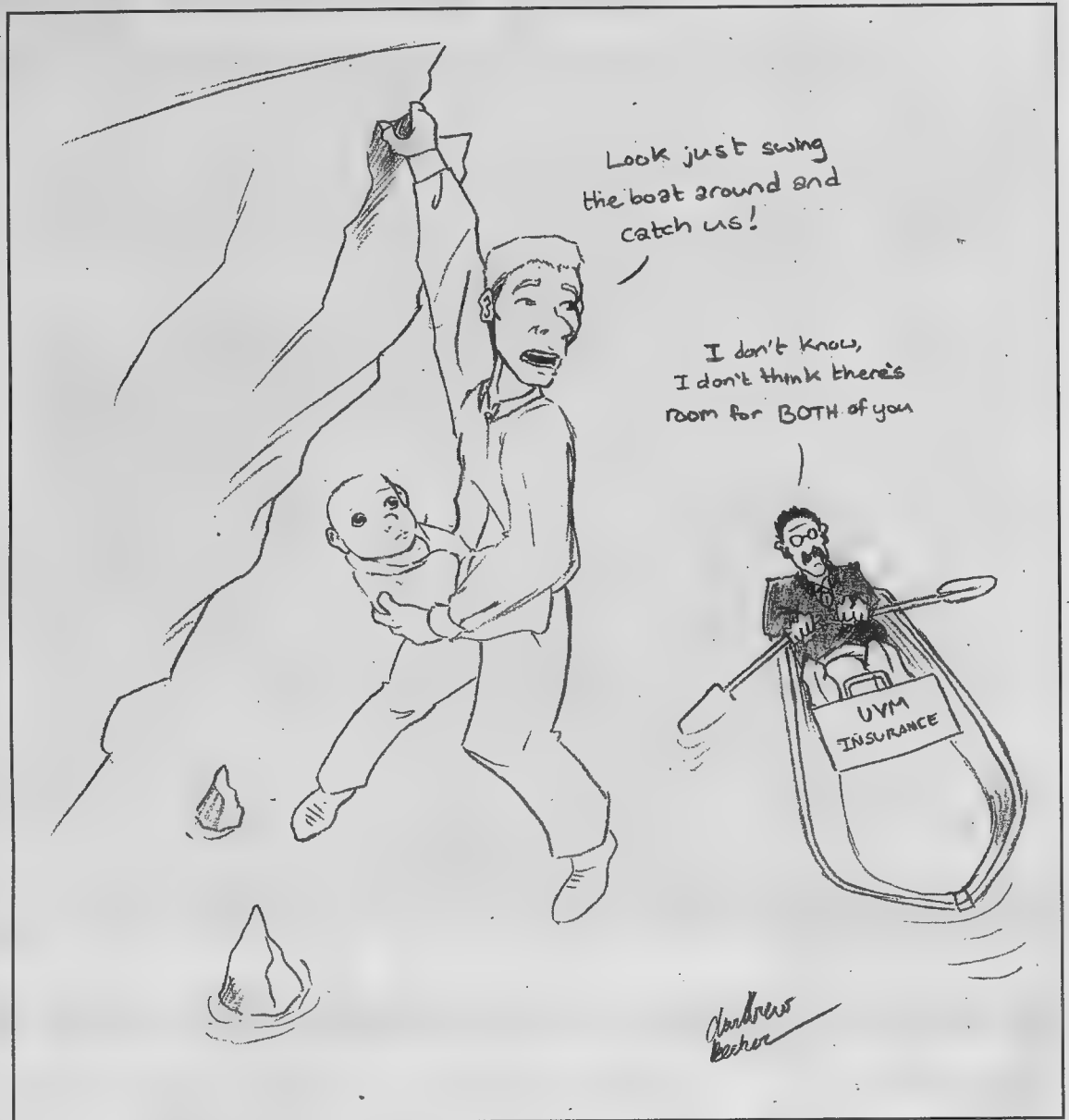
There is no need to display it as a poster child for the tuition debate. It doesn't belong.

If the SGA wishes to lower tuition, there are other ways to make their voices heard.

Petitions, protests, and simply drafting another bill that excludes the Marchand family could all be methods to help lower tuition — they don't need a tragic mascot.

Luckily, the vote on the resolution has been delayed and we hope, when the issue is revisited, the SGA has rethought their position.

The *Cynic* would like to send our condolences to the Marchand family and we think it is fitting for SGA to do the same, but please — leave it at that.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a medical student and brand new father, life is exciting.

Rounding on patients in the morning, running to classes in the afternoon and changing diapers through the night is exhausting.

Yet the magical experience of falling in love with my baby daughter makes it all worth it. I expected to struggle with the new demands of parenthood and the stresses of medical school, but I did not expect the financial toll of her health care.

Unbelievably, our university's health insurance policy does not cover childhood immunizations.

My daughter was born in the early morning of July 31. One of my first phone calls was to Aetna to sign her up for our school's health insurance policy.

Nearly six months later I received a bill from my pediatrician for \$980 for her vaccines. I was shocked and, of course — since this was not in our

budget — quite overwhelmed.

I called Aetna who confirmed that the University of Vermont Dependant Care Health Insurance policy does not cover immunizations and no alternate policy exists.

I undoubtedly take responsibility for not reading the fine print of this policy. Yet I also believe the University bears responsibility for endorsing a health policy (it bears its name) that forces students to consider cost in the decision to vaccinate our children.

There is no substitute plan.

The College of Medicine provides an unparalleled education, as demonstrated not only by the lectures that elucidate the overwhelming scientific evidence for vaccinations but also for the training of its students to educate future patients on the importance of childhood immunizations.

Vaccinating our children is both potentially life-saving for our kids and for our entire

community.

For example, my daughter can no longer carry deadly bacteria that cause a fatal pneumonia in the elderly, protecting her grandparents and yours.

The University of Vermont's decision to not offer coverage for childhood vaccinations is harmful both for the health of its student's children and the Burlington community. Luckily, my pediatrician is working with us to pay the bill.

Yet no future student should be in my position, and instead our university should be upholding its commitment to the public health benefits of childhood immunizations, both inside and outside the classroom, by changing its dependant care insurance policy.

Jason Halperin  
Fourth-year Med. Student  
UVM College of Medicine

## CORRECTION

The subhead for the story "White Allies address racism, identity and diversity" should read: a new student group, supported by The ALANA Student Center works toward social activism and greater understanding.

Also, the photo for the "UVM greeks serve up the community service" story was taken by Ellen Brunsgaard, not Bailey Cummings.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS AVAILABLE TO START IMMEDIATELY."**

— Mia Cambroneiro, Obama's Twitter specialist on trying to find her replacement.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

ADVERTISING  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# CBS says yes to pro life; no to gay dating



JEFF AYERS

This year's roundup of Super Bowl advertisements had the usual messages to spread: eat Doritos, drink Bud Light and say no to abortion.

Wait, what?

What happened to gorgeous blondes selling beer and mud splattered guys driving Chevys?

CBS made the bold decision to air a 30-second ad featuring Heisman trophy winner Tim Tebow and his mother preaching — albeit ambiguously — about pro-life.

The ad was paid for by the ultra-conservative Christian group Focus on the Family, and showed Tebow's mother

holding a picture of her son and exclaiming how he almost wasn't a part of her life. The reason for why Tebow almost didn't exist is left unsaid but it alludes to abortion.

While the ad wasn't very clear — and left many viewers scratching their heads wondering why CBS aired an ad that appeared to be selling Tim Tebow — it was a controversial decision by the television giant.

It was especially controversial when you compare it to an advertisement they refused to air from gay dating site ManCrunch.com.

The ad was rejected by CBS because it was "not within the Network's Broadcast Standards for Super Bowl Sunday." It featured man-on-man kissing inspired by accidental hand contact in a chip bowl.

Apparently that violated Broadcast Standards, but allowing rock legends The Who to embarrass themselves in front of millions was perfectly acceptable. CNN reported that CBS

— in what I believe was an effort to avoid accusations of discrimination — said another key factor in rejecting the commercial was that they "had difficulty verifying [ManCrunch's] credit status."

**"I say CBS was afraid to offend a television audience of stereotypical manly-man football fans, so they shied away from the subject of homosexual relationships."**

However, ManCrunch.com fired back saying they could easily have paid the \$3 million necessary for the ad because they had "recently raised \$40 million from investors."

I say CBS was afraid to offend a television audience of the stereotypical manly-man football fans, so they shied away from the subject of homosexual relationships.

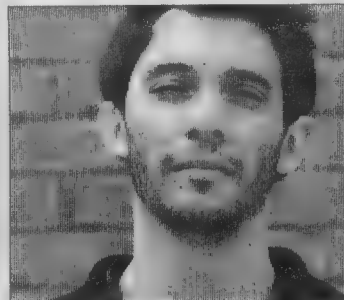
Advertisements for beer, junk food and erectile dysfunction clogged the ad space. Having a dozen different Denny's commercials was apparently more necessary than advertising a site where gay men can meet up and plan a date to Denny's.

However, they didn't hesitate to air an ad preaching pro-life that was sure to anger every pro-choice audience member.

They weren't afraid to pick sides in the pro-life/pro-choice debate, but advertising that gay men might want to date each other was apparently too much.

What gives, CBS?

*Jeff Ayers is a freshman undergraduate student. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Less than three

An atrocity has occurred. A deed so vile and despicable I can't even bear to say it. But alas, I will.

This past weekend millions upon millions of flowers met their demise just so you could show your valentine how much they mean to you. Those flowers died so you could have one day of romance.

One single solitary day. What about the other 364 days out of the year?

For the last decade, give or take a few years, I've been on a mission to fight the good fight against Valentine's Day and to spread the love the whole year round.

But when you're a reclusive student, an overworked and underpaid employee and about as hopeless a romantic as can be, whatever are you do to?

How can you spread the love? Send love notes? Purchase more flowers? Candies? How about standing outside your lover's window with a boom box blasting their favorite mixtape?

While any of those may be a good choice, overuse any of them and you may end up with a nice restraining order instead of hugs and kisses.

So where is the line? Do hopeless romantics have any place in the world today? Yes.

When I think of love, the one simple thing that comes to mind and the best way to show how you feel is that unconditional, I got-your-back-kind of love. That's the best kind there is.

Yes, nothing quite says "I love you" like having someone's back through thick and thin.

Now, when I say having someone's back, I don't mean that creepy, stalker-like got your back, because there is a big difference between being there for someone and ogling them all through lecture. You may think you have their back; they may want to push you off a bridge.

And what about those of you who, like me, loathe the day as if it were a root canal or pop quiz?

The only piece of advice I can give you is that you're going to have to buck up and accept the fact that love is the best kind of high you can get. It's honestly one of those things we humans simply cannot live without. You may have to come out of your nutshell a little, but hey, being two peas in a pod is better than being a nut all alone.

Next year make a mixtape, hold hands, write a love note—or better yet, why not do all that stuff everyday of the year and let that special someone know just how special they really are.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



MAX KRIEGER

## Federal cats fighting obesity

Forget about national security. Forget about the national debt, the economic crisis and global warming. The federal government has finally found the cause of our troubles: Snickers.

Yes, this delectable, hunger-fighting snack, along with many sugary drinks and seemingly unhealthy ingestible items, may soon be banned from all public schools.

According to *The New York Times*, Agricultural Secretary

Tom Vilsack insists that all school vending machines will be "filled with nutritious offerings to make the healthy choice the easy choice for our nation's children."

This ban may stretch to include Pepsi products, all candy bars, french fries and numerous other unhealthy products.

On the surface, this fight against childhood obesity seems a valiant effort from the Obama camp. Not to mention it may give the president a needed rise in popularity.

Unfortunately, implementing this bill will not be as easy as taking candy from a baby.

The second part of the bill will force schools to offer healthier choices and less processed food.

While this seems like a wonderful step towards teaching children to eat better, it also will increase food costs for schools.

In a time where most public schools have trouble passing a basic budget, asking them to buy greens for kids seems insane.

The federal government already spends more than \$18 billion a year on school meal programs and is planning to add

an extra \$1 billion to provide for the bill.

Even with the additional money, many school officials fear that their budgets will suffer.

Schools and the federal government are torn between fighting the childhood obesity epidemic and having enough money to continue operating the schools at all.

**"In a time where most public schools have trouble passing a basic budget, asking them to buy organic greens for kids seems insane."**

Personally, I find the whole premise of taking junk food out of schools to be completely ridiculous.

If history tells us anything it is that banning a product only increases its use.

During Prohibition, alcohol consumption increased dramatically, as did crime. In addition, banning alcohol and other products from college campuses does not seem the least bit effective in deterring use.

The schools need to stop worrying about what food the children have access to and start doing what they were built to do: teach.

Instead of wasting one billion dollars on feeding children rabbit food, spend the money on education programs to show children why they should partake in moderation.

Schools and parents need to teach children that it is acceptable to eat chocolate or french fries, as long as it isn't all they eat.

Building a healthy lifestyle doesn't start with healthy food devoid of taste, it starts with good food education.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



ZACH DESPART

## Populism at \$549 a head

Doublespeak is all too common in American politics, yet sometimes it is so plain and obvious that we wonder if democracy is indeed the best form of government.

The National Tea Party Convention, held in Nashville from Feb. 4-6, was less than welcoming to the average "Joe the Plumber" — the event cost \$549 per head, though those who were more strapped for cash could pay a mere \$349 to see Sarah Palin speak.

Mrs. Palin was so galvanized by the movement that she accepted \$100,000 to deliver the keynote address, as has been reported by numerous publications, including *Time* magazine and *The New York Times*.

Mrs. Palin criticized "crazy elitists" who denounced the movement. Mrs. Palin, your \$1.25 million bonus for "Going Rogue" puts you among the top earners in this country.

How does your enormous personal wealth and unfettered access to the national media, compared to the average American, not make you an elitist?

Of course, the same standard holds true for the president and every member of Congress — anyone with a disproportionate share of political and/or economic power is by definition an elitist.

Mrs. Palin lampooned President Obama as a "law professor at a lectern." Is she suggesting that we shouldn't have people leading our government that are experts in the laws they enact and enforce?

Doublespeak seems to be a recurring theme of the Tea Party camp. Though the movement champions itself as an independent, grassroots movement, ties to organized politics are strong.

**"How does your enormous personal wealth and unfettered access to the national media, compared to the average American, not make you an elitist?"**

According to the Tea Party Patriots website, the group's platform calls for "fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets."

The current Republican platform proposes "small government for the people," "free markets keep people free" and "low taxes because individuals

know best how to make their economic choices."

Coincidence?

Even Sarah Palin avoided "going rogue." In response to the idea of forming a new political party, the former governor suggested "The Republican Party would be very smart to try and absorb as much of the Tea Party movement as possible."

Is Mrs. Palin doing electoral math on the back of a silk napkin? Or her palm, where she keeps her notes?

A movement isn't populist if the average American can't afford to attend the convention. It's not grassroots when it is supported by political and economic elites such as Sarah Palin, Glenn Beck and Tom Tancredo.

It's not independent when the Tea Party platform mirrors that of the RNC. I don't suggest that the grievances of the Tea Partiers are illegitimate, only that they start to tell it like it is.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



# Fifth Business redefines 'classic'

Local band experiments on their new album with amazing newfound energy

By Madeleine Gibson  
Cynic Correspondent

With posters that plaster Burlington, local indie band The Fifth Business keeps it sexual.

"It's the logical next step to mystery and allure," lead guitarist Ted Calcagni said.

Sitting in Muddy Waters — a hot mixture of jazz, coffee and college — Ted and Deane Calcagni, Mike Healy and John Wallis, along with new guitarist Chris "Corm" Cormier, are typical Burlington locals.

The band formed in 2008 and entered the Burlington music scene with what they described as "classic indie rock."

Guitarist and vocalist Deane hopes to move away from generic labels in their new album.

"I get concerned when it's a genre, not a description. I don't want to be labeled as classic indie rock and be lumped in as crap."

It's hard to take Deane — a self-proclaimed cross between a homeless man and his idol, Jim Morrison — seriously when he talks about music. It is a passion he has been pursuing much of his life, initially as a classical oboist.

"Now he's rocking the guitar hard and keeps us honest musically," Ted said.

"I'm the one everyone gets pissed at — hearing things that probably don't exist," Deane responded.

Earlier this year, they released their first EP, "Fiction Pilot," at a time when the group agrees they were just excited to play anywhere they could.

The learning experience as up-and-coming musicians was amazing, the band said, but they felt the EP lacked the energy they



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Classic indie rock band, The Fifth Business, played at Higher Ground on Jan. 29. The band hopes to finalize their album by the end of March.

generate when performing.

For bassist Wallis, he feels in tune with the music when moving around and taking his clothes off.

Healy, a self-taught drummer, is described as "electricity holding drumsticks" by Corm.

They hope to convey this musically inspired zest to the fans. For this reason, Kyle Ross, the

band's studio engineer, proposed an alternative to how they would record the next album.

For their first album, the band recorded with a metronome, playing each instrument individually and then joining them together.

Ross suggested recording live, to keep the energy and

authenticity high. After two weeks of no progress with the metronome, they were amazed at how audible their energy and sound was in a live recording.

Healy briefly discussed what is next for the band when their main focus is not finalizing the album. The recording should be done by early March.

"We have a music conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Industry people and lots of bands, good networking opportunities."

The band's energy is also evident in their presence. As jazz slowly weaved itself in and out of the conversation, so did their humor, wit and typical male-to-male cruelty, jokingly of course.

# Procrastination or art appreciation

New Firehouse Gallery exhibit blurs the lines of video games as an art form

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Video games, despite the artistic skill that is required for their design, are not typically thought of as art.

"For the most part, video games have been seen only as entertainment," Champlain College Dean of the Division of Communication and Creative Media Jeff Rutenbeck said.

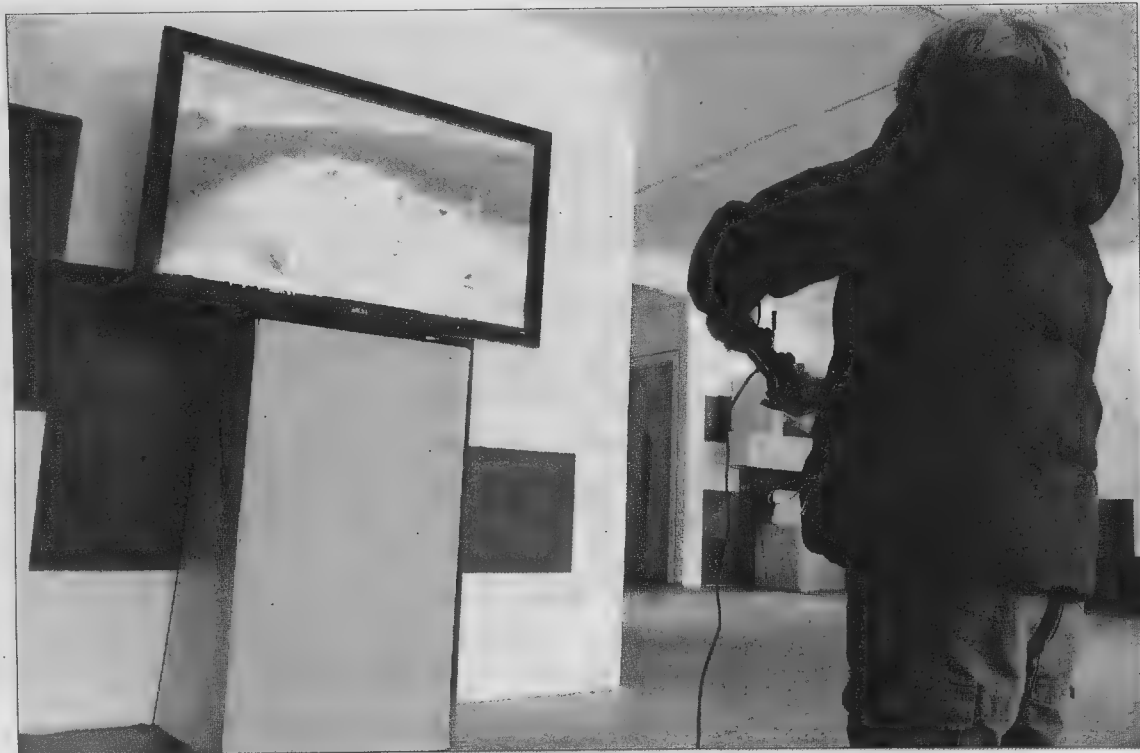
The "Game (Life)" exhibit at the Firehouse Gallery questions this perception, showcasing video games in a space that often holds sculptures and paintings.

"I don't believe that all video games have an artistic purpose, but the medium is certainly capable of art," featured game designer Jason Rohrer said.

"Game (Life)" explores this possible purpose as it examines the role of video games in culture.

"There is no doubt that serious art is being done with video games," Rutenbeck said. "This important work is growing in sophistication and in impact."

The exhibit invites visitors to play, explore and confront questions of political activism, pacifism, violence and beauty in



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Burlington local Zachary Richardson playing the game "Flower" at the current Firehouse Gallery exhibit, Game (Life). The exhibit features contemporary video games as pieces of art in today's society.

gaming environments, according to the Burlington City Arts website.

Set up like an arcade, the exhibit features many video

games that anyone can come in and play, ranging from a simple ball and star game to a McDonald's version of the "Lemonade Stand" game.

The colors and shapes of designs on the walls of the gallery create a digital aesthetic, adding to the mood of the exhibit.

In addition to featuring the

video games of 11 game designers, "Game (Life)" brought a number of the designers to give artist talks, which serve as teaching tool for students in the Game Design program at Champlain.

"Game (Life)" also brought a number of the designers to give artist talks for students in the Game Design program at Champlain.

"Few [of the students] have been exposed to conversations that seriously examine the role of video games in contemporary culture," Rutenbeck said, "so this series has been designed to fill that role."

Addressing video games in an artistic way and presenting this idea to Game Design, students may be considered unconventional now, but this could change.

"Video games are clearly a cultural form, though they are one of the youngest prominent forms," Rohrer said.

As a medium that is still young, there is a certain malleability to the role video games play.

"I think it has a lot to do with the purpose and goals of a work's creator," Rohrer said.



## Line artist draws the scientific

New exhibit opens at the Colburn Gallery

By Colin Driscoll  
Cynic Correspondent

Artist Renee van der Stelt was once asked to illustrate the word "poke."

Not surprisingly, she did this by poking a hole in the paper. But the result turned out to be a whole new medium for her to express her art.

"I have always been interested in sculpture, and that hole I poked in the paper was like a miniature sculpture."

Van der Stelt, a visual artist from Baltimore, Md., spoke to an audience of UVM art students in Williams Hall on Feb. 10.

Van der Stelt's interest in geography resulted in her creating her most recent exhibit, "Veiled Geography: Impermanent Drawings," which is currently on display at the Colburn Gallery. She combines drawing with sculpture to create pieces that are essentially three-dimensional.

Check out the rest of the article online at:

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

# "Souvenir" of musical past

Local theatre troupe depicts misguided pianist with charm

By Brooke Morrison  
Staff Writer

Intimacy is the main aspect of the cozy FlynnSpace, which played a key role in the success of its most recent production, "Souvenir."

The performance starred Carl J. Daniels as the narrator Cosmé McMoon, an aging pianist and former composer. Nancy Johnston was his partner on stage as the captivating and confounding Florence Foster-Jenkins.

Set in the 1930s, "Souvenir" recounts the true story of Mrs. Foster-Jenkins, an eccentric elder socialite with a love for music.

Believing herself to be a gifted soprano, she insists on throwing annual charity balls and she enlists the help of Cosmé McMoon to play piano and act as a vocal coach.

As he and the audience soon find out, Mrs. Foster-Jenkins is an absolutely terrible singer, to the point where she inspires hysterics in others. Regardless, she becomes wildly popular and successful, producing records and selling out concert halls, and eventually performing at Carnegie Hall itself.

Stephen Temperley wrote the two-character play, initially showcased on off-Broadway, in homage to a truly intriguing real-life character.

It was hilarious, endearing, heartbreaking and inspiring. The

dialogue was engaging and kept the audience alert.

Hardly anyone could have cared that there was only one small set change, and that the entire play involved only two people.

The simplicity of set and costume change, as well as the lack of any particularly distracting lighting or other special effects, allowed the focus to be on the strongest part of this play: the depth of the characters and their unique relationships.

The performance was flawless, with an implied rapport between the audience and the narrator.

Johnston was a gem as she captivated the audience with her complete earnestness and grace. Mrs. Foster-Jenkins managed to be both hilarious in her vocal inability and admirable in her passion for music and her complete self-confidence.

Danielsen was an excellent narrator, engaging with the audience fully as he recounted the story.

Pauses for monologue would often leave the audience laughing uproariously, whispering and engaging with the story on stage from their seats. It was a favorable reaction by any standards.

The actual performance space was a key part of the play's intimacy.

The FlynnSpace provides a three-sided seating arena around the performance floor, so that the



Photograph courtesy of Vermont Stage Company

audience feels as though they are in the same room as the actors.

This was essential in "Souvenir's" successful interaction with the audience, without breaking the fourth wall.

The lack of separation between viewer and performer leaves little to be desired in the way of audience immersion.

## Opening Reception

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17 / 5:30-7:30 PM

Inspired by Warhol's Polaroids from the 1980s, Vermont women of the 1880s, and Glasnost, the Fleming Museum celebrates our spring exhibitions with an opening party featuring 80s music and fun. Dress up in your own 1980s or 1880s style and strut your stuff!

FREE ADMISSION

FLEMING MUSEUM

[www.flemingmuseum.org](http://www.flemingmuseum.org)  
61 Colchester Ave. Burlington

### VIEWS AND RE-VIEWS: Soviet Political Posters and Cartoons

Gustav Klutskis' "The USSR is the Chthonovite brigade of the world's proletariat, 1955" (detail). Lithograph. Courtesy private collection

### ANDY WARHOL: Fashionistas and Celebrities

Andy Warhol, Keanu Reeves, undated. Gelatin silver print (detail). Gift of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, 2009.5337

### STORIED OBJECTS: Tracing Women's Lives in Vermont

Wedding dress, 1854 (detail). Brocade, silk, cotton. Gift of Dora Weiss, 1946.731

**Campus REHABGYM**

**Physical Therapy in Burlington**

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

Maria Thibault, PT, ATC, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.



# Emerging minds get help

## Local resources assist entrepreneurs in finding a job

By Tabatha Leahy  
Staff Writer

By using the many local resources available for entrepreneurs, jump-starting a career or landing a successful job is just around the corner.

One such resource is the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies (VCET).

VCET, which opened in 2005, is an independent nonprofit agency that is affiliated with the University of Vermont, along with other Vermont colleges, like Champlain College, according to the VCET website.

Essentially, the center is an incubator that serves all of Vermont under a mandate to increase technology startups and accelerate next generation job creation for this generation of Vermonters, VCET Vice President Daniel Rosenfeld said.

"I see VCET as a positive outlet for future business students here at UVM," sophomore business major Brittany Smith said. "It can only aid in our success."

Attaining higher education plays a critical role in the promotion of an advanced economy in Vermont, so VCET seeks to make a variety of professional, trained interns and collegiate resources available to those wishing to take their careers to the next level, according to its

website.

"The center provides an ecosystem for early stage businesses helping them grow and succeed in Vermont," Director of Client Programs Scott Bailey said.

Bailey, who joined forces with VCET in October 2009, received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of Vermont in Spring 2009.

While studying at UVM, Bailey co-founded the Entrepreneurship Club because he wanted to bring experience to the area from local businessmen and women, he said.

"I started this club in order to bring in entrepreneurs throughout the area to talk about their experiences starting companies," Bailey said.

Bailey brought in President Alan Newman of Magic Hat and Jerry Greenfield from Ben & Jerry's as they both work for businesses that began as small, grassroots endeavors, he said.

Both Newman and Greenfield delivered insightful information for students seeking successful business opportunities, Bailey said.

Not only does the Entrepreneurship Club help bring students and local entrepreneurs together to hear inspiring stories,

but also to ask questions and raise awareness of the various opportunities that are made available to future entrepreneurs, according to its website.

Bailey brought entrepreneurs and faculty together to enlighten UVM on their past experiences and projects they are involved with during the National Entrepreneurs Week last April, he said.

"The chance for all of us to interact with so many different people from different parts of the entrepreneurial community was really interesting and fun," business professor Bret Golann said.

Students who attended National Entrepreneurs Week agreed.

"I think the campus activities that were going on during the National Entrepreneurs week really helped me to see what the entrepreneurship and business world is all about," junior Laura Richards said.

Others agreed that the presence of local resources for entrepreneurs is beneficial and will provide opportunities for the future.

"I am so glad that we have programs like VCET and the Entrepreneurship Club available to us," sophomore Tom Briggs said.

### THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA & CINDY AMOKO

### Less is more

While your clothes may be fly, accessories can take them to the next level. Details are what make an outfit pop. Whether you're willing to spend thousands of dollars or less than 10, it isn't difficult, or necessarily expensive, to accessorize your look.

**Rings:** Talk with your hands! Big and gaudy is the new subtle. Your \$6 ring from Charlotte Russe obviously isn't real jade, but who cares? Bold rings make bold statements.

**Earrings:** Let's face it — studs are boring. Liven up your lobes! They are blank canvases waiting to be adorned with creative touches. If you're scared to go the jumbo hoop route, try smaller earrings in not-so-typical designs. It's not all about flowers and cubic zirconium.

**Nail polish:** In terms of color, anything goes. Pewter is what's poppin' right now, or really any shade of gray. While we're all about keeping it bright, dark colors are classy, chic and able to complement any outfit. Black nail polish isn't just for the gothic look anymore.

**Belts:** Who said you can only wear belts on your hips? Put them around your waist! Accentuate your curves by wearing a loose garment and fastening a belt over it to pull it together. Remember: If it's already tight, you don't need a belt to make it tighter. Be careful when using waist belts!

**Watches:** Even though your cell phone may suffice to tell you the time, don't hesitate to drop some cash on a hot new watch. You should see the timepieces that are on the market nowadays. Companies like Movado are making their styles of watches very colorful and creative, and will make you want to ditch the cell phone. Even if you don't tell time with it, your wrist will be lookin' fly.

**Necklaces:** Tired of the same old thin-chain-with-pendant necklace? Try its new funky relative — the bib necklace! They come in different styles, and their draping shape highlights the collar bone and looks classy. Although we love our long necklaces with large pendants, the bib necklace is a good alternative for those who don't want to weigh down their necks.

**Vests:** Make some cool investments to take your wardrobe to another level. You can still wear the vests that we've been seeing for a while — similar to those one might wear with a suit in dark colors such as black, gray or even pinstriped. These will look awesome with a casual outfit. You can even have some fun with denim vests that are cut halter-top-style. Traditional blue is great, but try the other colors available as well.

As you can see, accessories not only make an outfit better, brighter and more beautiful, but they are fun to wear and can add your own flair to a not-so-unique outfit. Just remember, don't overdo it! Sometimes just one or two accessories can accentuate better than three or more.



# Life of a MASCOT



Photos by Damir Alisa

By Elizabeth Bruner  
Staff Writer

Rally Cat, to most students, brings to mind images of a friendly, oversized Catamount, slapping high fives to kids and messing up the hair of college students who eagerly attend hockey games and show their school spirit.

The official University of Vermont school mascot is the Catamount. The Catamount is unique to Vermont and to UVM, communication sciences senior Kim Sanzo said.

"It's cool that we have an animal that's unique to Vermont history and no other state can claim it as their mascot," she said. "I think it was chosen because it was a fierce animal that was representative of Vermont."

The current mascot, Rally Cat, was not always the UVM mascot. There have been a few mascots that have graced the Gutterson gymnasium before Rally assumed the position.

Director of Student Life Pat Brown has been with the University for 30 years and has seen his fair share of snow, Naked Bike Rides and mascots at UVM.

Prior to the 1980s, Charlie Catamount was the official mascot, Brown said. In the early '80s, after a grad student project said that the mascot was not very visible, Charlie and Kitty Catamount were created — emphasizing gender equality in the mascots.

Charlie and Kitty Catamount lasted for a period of time, and then the athletic department looked to re-brand its image.

"Rally is about six or seven years old," Assistant Vice President for Marketing and Business Development

Chris McCabe said. "We did a brand overhaul a few years ago in athletics. There was a number of reasons for changing mascots."

"The idea of a male and female mascot — that was somewhat not the norm. Our females on campus didn't want to be known just as Lady Catamounts; it's a 'We're all Catamounts' type of spirit," McCabe said.

The athletic department has been careful about how to update the school mascot, while still keeping a sense of tradition and school spirit.

"Rally came to be when we looked at re-branding our logo," Krista Balogh, communications professional in the athletic department, said. "It went very well when we inducted the other mascots into the hall of fame."

"Rally has become quite popular and more visible than Kitty and Charlie were," Balogh said.

One of the goals of the athletic department was to make Rally more visible, not just at athletic events, but at schoolwide and community events as well.

"One of our goals was much more student involvement. Rally could be something Charlie and Kitty couldn't," McCabe said.

This past weekend, Rally was at the Penguin Plunge for the Special Olympics. Rally has become a consistent presence at all different events and has taken on a person of his own, Balogh said.

"Rally is at all of our athletic and special events," Balogh said. "We incorporate him not only into all home game activities but around our campus, road games and special events with in our community."

"Rally is a mascot which

represents our mission and vision, has great sportsmanship and a positive energy," said Balogh.

McCabe agreed. "[With a mascot we try to] promote school spirit — Rally personifies that. Rally symbolizes the fun associated with athletics and school spirit."

**"[They are] fellow students in the suit.**

**We are not hiring professional actors.**

**When you see Rally crowd surfing, it's a student. To me, that's what mascotting is all about."**

**Chris McCabe**

*Assistant Vice President  
for Marketing and  
Business Development*

The athletic department prefers the identity of Rally to remain quiet. The department hires students and athletes to perform as Rally but maintains an air of mystery about who is really underneath the suit.

"We keep the identities of our Rallys a secret," Michael Marfione, who works for Athletic Communications, said. Even though we don't know Rally's true identity, the fans react no differently.

"Our students have really embraced Rally and like when the character is around," McCabe said. "[They are] fellow students in the suit. We are not hiring professional actors. When

you see Rally crowd surfing, it's a student. To me, that's what mascotting is all about."

Having a lot of school spirit makes playing the part of Rally much easier. Students can become Rally by being involved in Student Life or working with the athletic department. "A student can apply to be Rally Catamount by emailing Rallycatamount@uvm.edu," Marfione said.

"Once we are contacted by a prospective Rally, we ask that they come in for a tryout in the suit," Marfione said.

"We run over the guidelines and rules about being Rally Catamount. If the prospective Rally has a successful tryout and agrees to the guidelines and rules, we will then start to schedule them in for some games and outside events," Marfione said.

So what is a day in the life of Rally like? McCabe says it's not easy being a big cat.

"Taking care of Rally is a big job," he explained. "We have two different suits so Rally can be in two places if need be. Krista Balogh and Michael Marfione [in the athletic department] coordinate Rally's day," McCabe said.

On game days the schedule can get pretty hectic. "It's a specific schedule and protocol. Rally comes out and skates and brings the flag out, and that's symbolic that it's time to go," said McCabe. The fans go wild and the game begins.

Catamount fans agree that Rally gets the crowd going at games and events. His high fives and crowd surfing make it worth the wait to get tickets for popular home games.

"It's definitely worth it," Sanzo said.





# CALENDAR

tues.16: bhm movie: through the fire  
7.00pm, l/l room 315

weds.17: denise lamoureux "identity  
and intercultural awareness"  
3.30pm, maple ballroom

thur.18: tim wise "race & racism in  
the age of Obama"  
7pm, saint michael's college

fri.19: live music - into the bottle  
8.00pm, brennan's

sat.20: lunar new year  
5.00-11pm, maple ballroom

[uvm.edu/bored](http://uvm.edu/bored)



2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



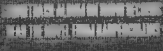
Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



THIS PLACE WILL NEVER LET YOU GO

A MARTIN SCORSESE PICTURE  
LEONARDO DICAPRIO  
SHUTTER ISLAND

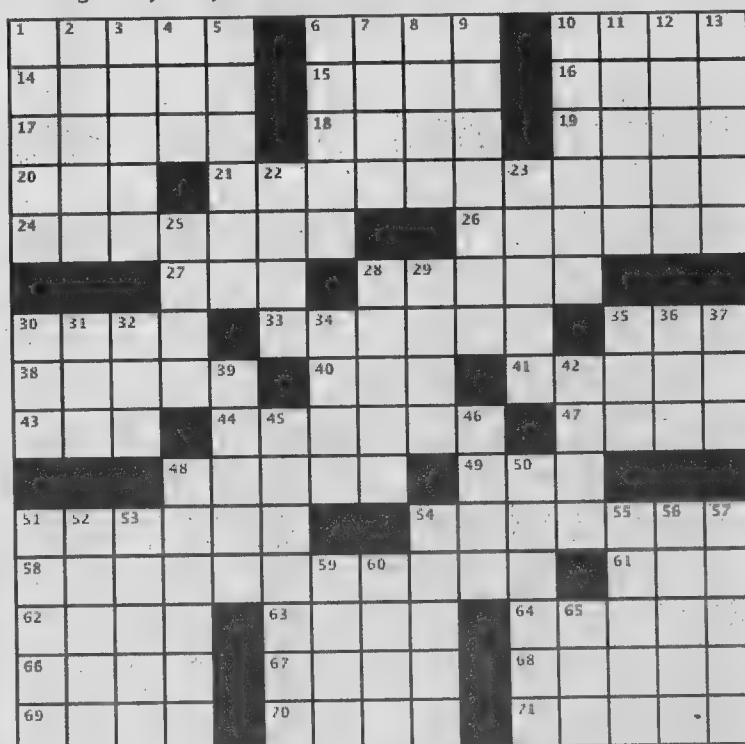
PARAMOUNT PICTURES PRESENTS A PHOENIX PICTURES PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH SIKELIA PRODUCTIONS AND APPIAN WAY A MARTIN SCORSESE PICTURE  
LEONARDO DICAPRIO MARK RUFFALO BEN KINGSLEY MICHELLE WILLIAMS "SHUTTER ISLAND" EMILY MORTIMER PATRICIA CLARKSON  
AND MAX VON SYDOU MUSIC BY ROBBIE ROBERTSON EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CHRIS BRIGHAM LETA KALOGRIDIS DENNIS LEHANE GIANNI NUNNARI LOUIS PHILLIPS  
PRODUCED BY MIKE MCDONOVY ARNOLD W. MESSER BRADLEY FISCHER MARTIN SCORSESE BASED ON THE NOVEL BY DENNIS LEHANE SCREENPLAY BY LETA KALOGRIDIS  
DIRECTED BY MARTIN SCORSESE



IN THEATRES EVERYWHERE FEBRUARY 19

## Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## ACROSS

- 1- Dominant  
6- Radio switch  
10- Assist  
14- Lachrymose  
15- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy  
16- Bread spread  
17- Slow, musically  
18- Son of Judah  
19- Jester  
20- Conductor de Waart  
21- Confident  
24- Converting to leather  
26- Fur skins  
27- Cornerstone abbr.  
28- Choreographer Alvin  
30- Cong. meeting  
33- Diatribe  
35- Leg  
38- Head lock  
40- \_\_\_ Lingus  
41- Lower legs  
43- Computer key  
44- Angel of death  
47- Change for a five  
48- Liberates

## DOWN

- 49- Like some vbs.  
51- Become visible  
54- Perfectly  
58- Gelatin confection  
61- Fair-hiring abbr.  
62- Londoner, e.g.  
63- \_\_\_ sow, so shall...  
64- Portents  
66- Hoar  
67- Drive-\_\_\_  
68- Crest  
69- Belgian river  
70- Side  
71- Prescribed amounts

## residents

- 23- Food and water  
25- Capone's nemesis  
28- Neighborhoods  
29- Able was \_\_\_  
30- \_\_\_-Foy, Quebec  
31- Hesitant sounds  
32- Brief instant  
34- Attention  
35- Martini liquor  
36- Hydrocarbon suffix  
37- Ed's pile  
39- Mother of Isaac  
42- Israeli dance  
45- Village near the Matterhorn  
46- Italian resort  
48- Rankle  
50- Express differently  
51- Cupboard  
52- Seine spot  
53- Of first importance  
54- Lower portion of the small intestine  
55- City in West Yorkshire  
56- Rope used to guide a horse  
57- Approvals  
59- 1975 Wimbledon winner  
60- Vega's constellation  
65- O Sole \_\_\_

## Sudoku

## Easy

	3	2	4					1
				6			8	4
4		6	7					
3	5	4			9	1		
		9	5		7	8		
		8	2			9	5	3
					6	7		2
2	8			1				
5					2	4	3	

## Hard

1						9	8	
		7			2			
			3		6		4	
		8						1
	5	9				3	2	
7						6		
	7		8		5			
			6			8		
	6	1						2





## ← last week

## Men's basketball 2/5

## Vermont 79, UMBC 60

Sophomore Garvey Young helped the Catamounts to victory with 20 points and 10 rebounds. This is the third straight win for the Catamounts who are now 17-8 overall.

## Men's hockey 2/5

## Vermont 5, Providence 1

With his two assists and goal, freshman Sebastian Stalberg was able to aid the UVM men's hockey team to victory. The other goals were scored by freshman Chris McCarthy, senior Colin Vock, senior Brayden Irwin and junior Kyle Medvec.

## Women's hockey 2/6

## Vermont 1, Maine 0

Senior Brittany Nelson scored with just under four minutes remaining in the first period to give Vermont the win over Maine this past Saturday. Senior goalie Kristen Olychuck made 22 saves and had her second shut-out of the season. The team moves to 10-18-1 overall this season.

## Women's basketball 2/10

## Vermont 77, Boston U 59

Senior May Kotsopoulos scored a game-high 22 points and had six assists. Freshman Kendra Seto notched 10 points and three rebounds at Patrick Gym last Wednesday. This win brings Vermont to 20-5 overall and 10-2 in conference play, making Vermont second in the league.

## next week →

## Wednesday 2/17

## Men's basketball @ Hartford 7 p.m.

## Friday 2/19

## Ski Team: Williams Carnival 9 a.m. MA

## Track and field: America East Championships @ BU 12 p.m.

## Women's hockey vs. Providence 7 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Men's hockey @ New Hampshire 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday 2/20

## Ski Team: Williams Carnival 9 a.m. MA

## Track and field: America East Championships @ BU 12 p.m.

## Men's basketball vs. Fairfield 2 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Men's lacrosse @ Bryant 3 p.m.

## Women's hockey vs. Providence 4 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

## Men's hockey @ New Hampshire 7 p.m.

## Sunday 01/31

## Women's basketball vs. UMBC 1 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

# Men's hockey team back on track after weekend series against Providence

By Will Andreycaak  
Staff Writer

Following weekend series against Maine, the men's hockey team was reeling after a loss and tie against the 19th ranked Black Bears.

"I think our execution all over the ice was terrible," head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "Bottom line is our team doesn't come to play every night and I don't know who we have."

It was pretty clear going into their series at Providence last weekend that something needed to change. Sneddon articulated the need for positive change along with many of the players.

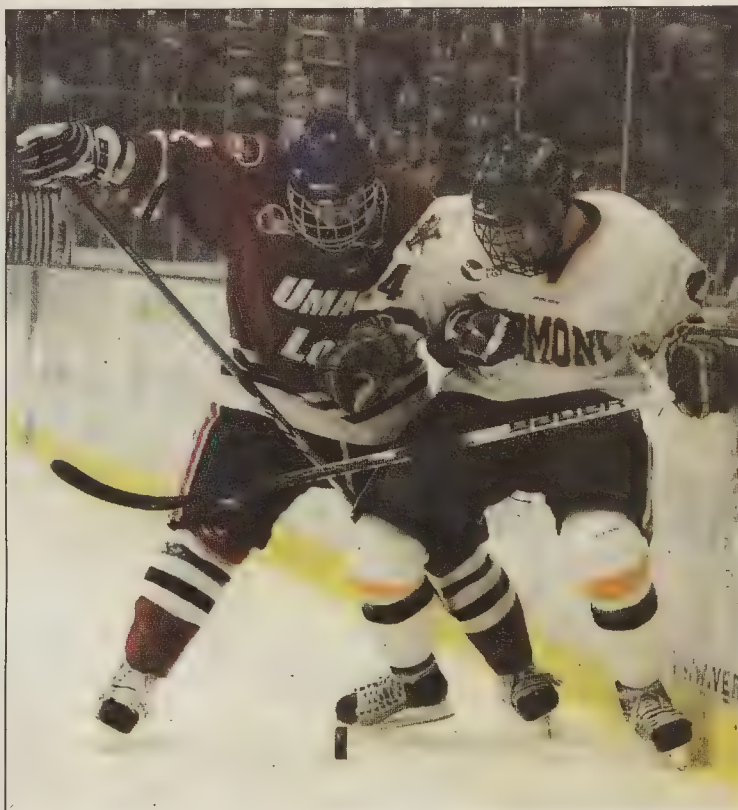
"It starts in practice," sophomore goaltender Rob Madore said. "Guys working hard, guys battling, maybe even a little bit harder than we have all year. Keeping each other accountable for our play and maybe not letting things slide as much as we were before."

Whatever was said in the locker room, and whatever work was put into practice, paid off huge dividends for the Catamounts, who went into Rhode Island and beat Providence 5-1 and tied them the next night 1-1.

In the first game of the

back-to-back, five different Catamounts recorded goals, including freshman Sebastian Stalberg, who also added two assists. The freshman line of

Stalberg, David Pacan and Chris McCarthy continued to sustain their energy and versatility that has emerged in the past few weeks.



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic  
Freshman Tobias Nilson-Roos fights to get the puck away from the boards and away from a UMass-Lowell defender earlier this season.

"They've been excellent for us," Sneddon said of the three rookies. "They're a line that gives us energy. They make plays, and when they make mistakes, it's stuff we can teach."

In the second game of the weekend double-header, Vermont battled to earn a 1-1 tie and finished the weekend with three points, moving them into a tie for fifth place in the Hockey East conference.

Madore made 32 saves and the freshmen contributions continued with a goal by Pacan. Providence out-shot Vermont but were only 1-6 on the power play as Madore's play in net was the key for the Catamounts.

"He made a couple of saves tonight that I don't know how they didn't end up in the back of the net," Sneddon said.

As Vermont (13-9-4, 7-8-4) moves forward, there are certainly still things that need work, but after an impressive series against Providence on the road, there are indications that things are starting to look up.

"Our guys fought hard this weekend," Sneddon said.

"We had urgency and it was playoff style hockey. I think we're getting closer to where we need to be for the stretch run here."

## Cats have conference title in sight

### After tough losses to Hartford, BU, women's basketball team climbs back in the standings

By Eli Zink  
Senior Staff Writer

Even the best teams can falter when chemistry is off. Such had been the case for the UVM women's basketball team.

After starting the season with strong victories against top-conference foes, then finding themselves in the top 25, the Cats went downhill after struggling against bitter rivals BU and Hartford.

"Losing to your rival is a motivating factor to get better," senior captain May Kotsopoulos said.

The losses cut deep but the team showed their improvement with a decisive victory Feb. 10 over BU at Patrick Gym.

With less than a handful of games left on the schedule, the team knows it must continue its improvement if it is to beat Hartford and take home the America East regular season championship.

"I think we are going to continue to do what we have been doing and stick to what has led us to be this successful," junior forward Tonya Young said.

"We will continue to not take any teams for granted, come to practice every day, knowing that we need to get better and improve to be where we want to be in the end, the America East champs."

Young has provided a huge spark to the team as an inside-outside threat. She's been

able to show her ability on the boards, with multiple games of over 10 rebounds, as well as being a deadly three-point shooter.

"I think my improvement started over the summer, just being in the gym constantly putting up shots, running and lifting and not taking anything for granted," Young said.

"I have had my setbacks earlier in previous seasons, and even earlier this year, and had just kept a level head about it and knew that if I continued to work hard and play with passion that I would get my chance."

The sharp-shooting forward is quick to note that no one can stay settled in the starting rotation and hard work and dedication must be brought into every practice in order to hold it.

The same dedication must be taken up by all Cats in order to reclaim the number one spot.

As rival Hartford looms, Young believes that the team will have what it takes to take revenge on the loss from earlier this season.

"We have to continue to have fun while working extremely hard, which is what allowed us to be successful," Young said. "We just have to believe in ourselves, because we all know that we can [win the championship] again."

The next home game for women's basketball is on Feb. 21 against UMBC.



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic  
Senior May Kotsopoulos jumps for the ball during the Jan. 26 game against the Hartford Hawks. The Catamounts suffered a loss, with a final score of 36-38.

## Sports Shorts

By Will Andreycaak

Men's basketball team gets last-second win over BU

Junior Evan Fjeld scored a lay-up off a Marqus Blakely assist with 9.4 seconds left to lift the Catamounts to a 76-75 victory over rival Boston University Feb. 9. Blakely scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the win that moved Vermont's record to 18-8 (9-3). Vermont earned their 11th road win of the year as they continue to lead the nation in victories away from home.

Millett named America East Women's Track Performer of the Week

Catamount senior Aly Millett was named America East Women's Track Performer of the week. Millett continues to have a strong senior season winning the 1,000m at the Dartmouth Indoor Classic with an ECAC-qualifying time of 2:51.62. Her time is the sixth best in the conference in the event and was just one second off the University of Vermont all-time school record.



**FEATURE**

Foreign exchange students immerse themselves in a quirky Vermont.

6

**ARTS**

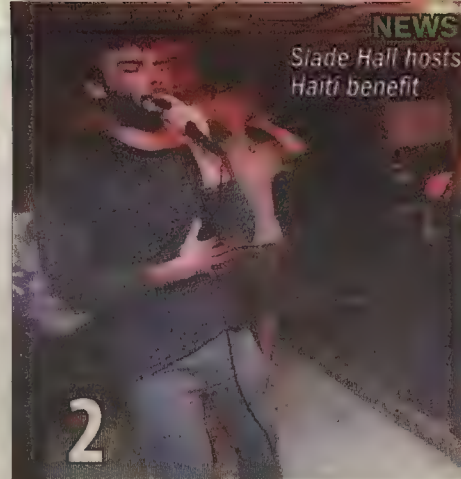
Laura Veirs on her new album and record label.

7

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, February 23, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 19 | Burlington, Vermont



## Tuition to rise 6 percent for students

### Despite budget cuts, cost of tuition is projected to continue rising

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

The cost of tuition is rising and doesn't show signs of stopping.

Tuition is projected to rise 6 percent each year over the next 10 years, Vice President of Finance and Administration Richard Cate said at a budget forum on Feb. 10.

With increases in room and board and student fees rising, the total cost of attending UVM next year comes to \$23,754 for in-state students and \$42,680 for out-of-state students, according to a report from University Communications.

However, the University will only see around 3.5 percent of the money from the 6 percent tuition increase because the rest of it goes to resources like financial aid, Cate said.

Although Cate said he sees tuition money as a crucial aspect to the University's budget, SGA member Stephen Hannaford said he is concerned about the rise in tuition.

"The increase would make tuition for out-of-state students \$50,000 10 years from now," Hannaford said. "They also project that [financial aid] is going to increase at the same rate as the tuition increases, which isn't necessarily terrifying but it's risky."

Other students said they are concerned as well.

"My brother is in the process of choosing schools, and even though we're from Vermont, it's cheaper for him to attend SUNY Purchase than it is for him to attend UVM," senior Megan Behlendorf said.

The increase in tuition is inevitable even with budget

cuts this past year, Cate said.

President Daniel Mark Fogel said he is concerned about the budget cuts, but is confident that the University remains in a solid position compared to other institutions.

"We cut a lot of money out of the budget last year and it was extremely painful, but we didn't have to cut as much as the other schools," Fogel said.

**"...it makes it even more difficult in institutions like ours that are research universities because we require very expensive materials."**

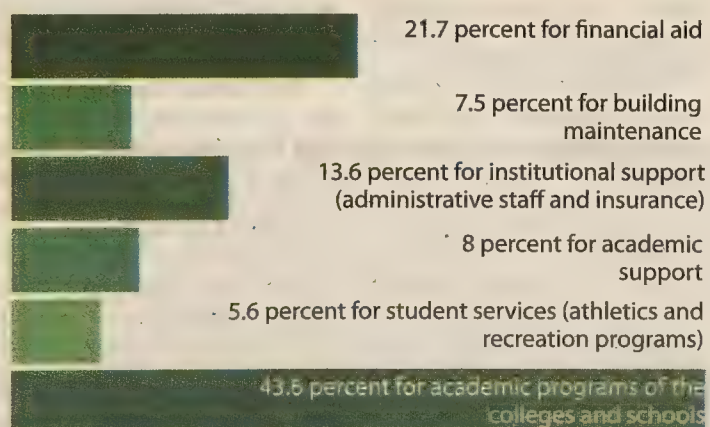
Daniel Mark Fogel  
President of UVM

Last year, Yale, a private research university in New Haven, Conn., suffered \$100 million in budget cuts, he said.

"Budget cuts are general problems for public and private universities, but it makes it even more difficult in institutions like ours that are research universities because we require very expensive materials," he said.

The University needs to work hard to contain costs, diversify revenues and slow the rate of increase of tuition, Fogel said. However, it is also about understanding what students actually pay in aggregate compared to the "sticker price."

Tuition revenue gets broken up and channeled into several different areas:



Turn to  
page 3 for  
in-depth  
coverage

HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Custodians use chemical cleaners to clean up residence halls and academic buildings on campus.

## Custodial workers struggle in silence

## Pollution and joblessness spark debate about Vermont Yankee

### SGA passes resolution to support closing of power plant

By Pat Tyler  
Staff Writer

Pollution, joblessness, and leaking radioactive chemicals were the issues that confronted the SGA in a resolution regarding Vermont Yankee.

The SGA passed the resolution that supports the closing of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant because of concerns about the environmental impact and a tritium leak, despite the threat of joblessness for its employees.

Vermont Yankee is leaking tritium so fast, and we can't seem to find the hole, State Senator Peter Shumlin said at the SGA meeting on Feb. 16.

Vermont Yankee and its resulting regulatory violations and environmental threats made it long overdue to be shut down, SGA Senator Marty Frye said.

"If not now then when will we decommission it?" he said. However, SGA senators said

**"I'm not going to argue that tritium exposure is a good thing, but how many people will lose their jobs if the plant is decommissioned?"**

Mike Glynn  
SGA Chair

they were equally concerned that closing Vermont Yankee would leave over 600 people without jobs.

"I'm not going to argue that tritium exposure is a good thing," SGA Chair Mike Glynn said. "But how many people will lose their jobs if the plant is decommissioned?"

The plant employs over 600 people and has a payroll of roughly \$93 million, Glynn said. The possible dangers of pollution from Vermont Yankee do not outweigh the reality of unemployment for those who work there.

"I'm not saying it shouldn't be shut down," Glynn said. "I'm just saying it's too soon. The deficit is a big deal in the state, and that's why I'm voting no."

SGA Finance Chair, Nick Cafarelli said he agreed. "You don't quit a job until you have a job."

In addition, he said he doubts the state's ability to

see YANKEE on page 2





Vocalist Ish McDonald leads his band Abraham Backfur in concert at Slade Hall on Feb. 12. Optional donations went to a Haiti relief fund.

ANDRE MALERBA | The Vermont Cynic

## UVM dances for Haiti

By Jenna Tucker  
Cynic Correspondent

While national media coverage wanes, UVM hasn't forgotten about Haiti.

The SGA raised \$980 at a fundraiser dance this past Thursday.

Almost everything was donated, including food and drinks provided by Sodexo food services, which meant

that all income was profit, student action senator Kristen Greenwald said.

All profits are being donated to Partners in Health, Greenwald said.

Greenwald was the head of the event, although many senators assisted with the project. "I've just been really impressed with how everyone stepped up to the plate," Greenwald said.

## Slade raises money for Haiti

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

Catamounts are digging deep into their wallets and finding money to donate to the Haiti relief effort.

Slade Hall earned \$150 for Haiti on Feb. 12 by hosting a basement concert featuring UVM's own Abraham Backfur as the headlining band.

"The money is important, but not as important as how we

are raising it," Slade resident Henry Kellogg said. "This is a community coming together."

Elsewhere on campus, students from the SGA set up shop in the Davis Center giving out Haitian coffee to early morning passers-by.

During two weeks of simply asking for donations, the students earned \$700 that will be given to Direct Relief International.

## YANKEE | SGA concerned about environment, economy

...continued from page 1

secure alternative energy sources in the years following the plant's decommission.

However, Vermont Yankee pays comparatively little taxes to the state, and more tax

revenue could be generated through deals with alternative energy companies, SGA Senator Mikayla McDonald said.

Despite concerns about jobs and alternative energy, the resolution passed.

Vermont Yankee's

relicensing vote is scheduled to take place before town meeting day on March 2. If the state government does not relicense the power plant, it will be closed.

"We are at the precipice of making a really important decision," Shumlin said.

## Burlington reveals its secrets

### Students post secrets on new website

By Hilary Walton  
Staff Writer

Suicide, sex and drugs are the types of personal issues that students don't always share with the world.

However, BTownSecrets.com is a new website designed for students in the Burlington area to post anonymous secrets, comment on the secrets of others and receive advice and opinions.

Creators Craig Durham and Zach Cohn started the idea with BuffSecret.com in Boulder, Colo., and are excited for how the site is going to help students in Burlington.

"We soon found the site to be an amazing way to get kids talking about serious issues and get help for their problems," Durham said.

After providing college students with a place to speak their minds, they began uncovering issues that they thought warranted professional help.

"Some secrets scared me," Cohn said. "Neither of us were qualified to deal with them so we began forwarding some secrets to a group called the JED foundation."

The JED Foundation is the nation's leading organization working to reduce emotional distress and prevent suicide among college students, according to its website.

"It's just amazing how well they've responded in Boulder, the site has become a thriving community," Durham said. "We now receive responses from over 5,000 people a month."

It is so popular because it is anonymous, he said. "It brings people together who otherwise would never be communicating."

However, the purpose of the site is not purely social, Cohn said.

"There was a site similar

to ours called JuicyCampus.com, but it got shut down. It was very big at Boulder, and very entertaining, but it became nasty very quickly," he said. "We wanted to create something equally as entertaining but we wanted to add a positive spin to it."

Their websites are created with guidelines in order to maintain a fairly positive light, Cohn and Durham said. There are no names allowed, and every single comment and secret is approved before it is posted.

"When somebody posts a secret, they shouldn't be criticized for it. It's a place to share and to feel safe," Durham said.

With their first day of real publication last Tuesday, and the website just barely set up, the new Burlington site, BTownSecrets.com, already receives responses from about 50 people per day, Durham said.

There are a lot of connections between Burlington and Boulder, Cohn said.

"Burlington is an artsy, cool and unique place — the epitome of a college town. I lived here for a year on School Street. We have friends that go to UVM. We met a lot of people at [Colorado University] who were from Burlington and we just really wanted to come up here," he said.

With their new Burlington site up and running, the two said they are starting to build a team of student interns from surrounding colleges such as UVM and Champlain.

"We don't want to be viewed as outsiders. The whole thing is local. We want it to be for the community and to engage the community," Durham said. "It's really our goal to have a site like this one in every college town, whether its Burlington, Boston or Boulder."

# Summer Sciences at UVM



Stay in beautiful Burlington this summer. With tons of science courses in medical, health, biological & physical sciences offered at UVM, you can focus on the requirements you really need and still be a short walk from the downtown scene.

Post-baccalaureate summer premedical programs also available.

Register today and take advantage of the 15% Summer '10 Tuition Savings at [uvm.edu/summer](http://uvm.edu/summer).



Reasons for you to Think Summer U

- \* Online classes
- \* UVM credits
- \* Four summer sessions
- \* Housing available
- \* Special interest programs
- \* Graduate on time
- \* Smaller class sizes



Think Summer U

Catch up. Get ahead. Save 15%.





# Custodians sick, injured, under pressure

## Increasingly poor conditions in dorms burden custodial workers

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

When sophomore Haley Bicknell walks into her hall's bathroom and sees vomit all over the stalls, it's nothing new. For the custodial workers that clean up after students every weekend, it's also nothing new. In fact it's gotten worse — and they don't feel safe complaining about it.

Often, because of the various hierarchies in the University, custodians feel powerless and will not speak up no matter how bad things are, Kathryn Friedman, executive director of diversity and equity, said.

"When you are at the bottom of the employment rung, you are new to a culture, you don't eat if you don't get a paycheck and you are saving to send money back, you are not going to complain about anything," Friedman said.

But this year, there is a lot to complain about.

In L/L over winter break, several custodial workers got physically sick or injured from cleaning out private bathrooms which students are generally in charge of cleaning, L/L residence director T.J. Jourian said.

"[It's] disgusting. I am surprised students are not sick. We found mold in bathroom," custodian Lulu Russen said. "We are happy to clean. It is our job, and students are very friendly, but this is not safe."

Students often drop bottles in Christie Hall stairwells, leaving broken glass everywhere — another safety hazard for custodians to clean up, freshman Ridhdi Parmar said.

"Every weekend I get reports that almost every building has excessive vomit and excessive feces everywhere that they have to clean up," Johanna P. Brabham, manager for Reslife Custodial Services, said. "It's the bodily stuff that we are always having to clean up, and that's just not very nice."

Sophomore Erin Hudecek said she feels students are too disrespectful and don't think about the mess they are leaving.

"People are getting sick from alcohol poisoning and they don't care where they end up puking. It is a huge mess. People just don't care, they think 'that's the custodian's job so I don't have to be clean,'" Hudecek said.

"When push comes to shove, students are not behaving in a reasonable way towards [custodial workers]," Stacey Miller, director for Residential Life, said. "Whether or not you are polite, actions speak louder than words."



**HARRISON BIGLER** | The Vermont Cynic  
*UVM custodian Ho Truong takes out the trash during her rounds in the Davis Center. Some custodians on campus have been getting sick or injured because of excessive mess.*

Miller said she is concerned because custodians consider students the customers and will strive to treat them with respect no matter what.

Customer service is one of the most important aspects of being a custodian, Brabham said.

"It's important that we keep the students happy, because where would we be without the students and the faculty and everybody else that helps support us and our jobs?" she said.

However, this idea of customer service also holds custodians back from voicing complaints, Friedman said.

"[Custodians] are not going to confront [students] because they are the customer, and if they confront the student and the student makes a complaint about them, they think it is going to come back at them — and it will," Friedman said.

Custodial worker Sofija Puric said she thinks it is disgusting to have to pick up condoms and underwear.

However, in regard to those same students who are leaving that mess for her to clean, she said she really loves them.

"But everyone is nice, it's great. I never have any problems. Two, three years I am so happy with my students and my job," Puric said.

A difficult task for custodial workers is finding a balance between this customer service that their jobs depend on and the actions of students who are making their jobs harder,

Friedman said.

"They are making a sacrifice to be here and to provide for their family, and that is why they put up with everything bad that students do, there is a lot to lose," Miller said.

Many of the international custodial workers had advanced education before coming to the United States, she said.

losing their job, a cultural fear of authority keeps custodial workers from complaining, Friedman said.

"Among the Vietnamese [custodians] there is an elder system, a collective system that says 'don't rock the boat, don't get anyone angry with you or you will be vulnerable and you will lose your job,'" Friedman

**"Every weekend I get reports that almost every building has excessive vomit and excessive feces everywhere that they need to clean up. It's the bodily stuff that we are always having to clean up, and that's just not very nice."**

**Johanna P. Brabham**  
*Manager for Reslife Custodial Services*

"They had jobs such as doctors, lawyers or pharmacists but have taken this job because degrees are not transferable or because of language barriers," she said. "This is one of the ways they can provide financially for their families."

Education is another way in which custodians are able to provide for their children, she said.

If you work at UVM on any level and your child applies and gets accepted, they can attend for free, and a lot of custodial workers take advantage of this opportunity, Miller said.

In addition to the threat of

said.

Women will come in to complain and say that their husbands and daughters told them not to say anything so that they don't anger anyone and get fired, she said.

To many custodians, the most important thing is to keep their jobs regardless of the circumstances, Miller said.

"[Custodians think] 'if we didn't have a mess we wouldn't have our job,'" Miller said. "That is an admirable way to look at their work, but on the other hand, students don't have to make it so difficult for them."

## Living/ Learning Center reacts

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Over winter break, custodial workers in the Living/Learning Center got sick and injured because of how dirty students left some of the private bathrooms.

Residence director for L/L T.J. Jourian said that because of this, he decided to plan a complexwide Custodial Appreciation Week.

"These are folks that do this for a living, so for them to get injured and sick from it means that it must have been at a pretty elevated level of disgusting," Jourian said. "Imagine the sheer volume of work — we want them to know they are appreciated."

The biggest event during the week is an active cleanup day, he said.

"We will just be looking around, cleaning and hopefully making the next day easier for them," Jourian said. "Especially because Monday tends to be the heaviest work day."

"Monday happens to be Custodial Appreciation Day, so this could lighten their load for one day and have them enjoy their appreciation day and not feel like it is just another work day," he said.

### UVM custodial staff by the numbers:

- 19 different countries
- 20 native languages
- 68 custodians for almost 5,500 students in more than 15 residential buildings
- About 200 custodial workers in total



### Ways you can help custodial workers

**Take your trash down during the week, not just Sundays.**

"The weekend person says [the trash is] enormous and very, very heavy because everyone cleans on the weekend," custodian Lulu Russen said. "If it smells bad, you should bring it out — it's safety."

**Be aware of your own environment.**

"What are you leaving behind when you are leaving a space?" Jourian said. "Are you leaving newspapers behind?"

"When you drop some food by accident do you go to the desk and let them know so that it doesn't just stay sticking and making a huge mess?"

"All those little things is what makes a big difference," he said.

**Walk around areas where custodial workers are sweeping.**

"When I am doing the stairs, people just walk right up through the dirt — I would really appreciate it if everyone would just use the other side of the stairs," a ResLife custodial worker said.

**Know where to get cleaning supplies in your complex.**

"If we didn't do a good job everyone would get very sick," custodial manager Emir Cicak said.

"This is why I want to let the students know they really need to clean up after themselves. We keep cleaning supplies at the front desk for students to use if they ever need to," he said.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News), Will  
Andreycak (Sports)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Matthew  
Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Jason Scott,  
Julia Weichert, Ally Perleoni,  
Stephanie Corcoran, Lauren  
Katz, Ellen Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Manager**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Valiant vomit cleaners

College life is full of fun extra-curricular activities, classes, new friends, vomit and trash. Yes, vomit and trash.

There has been a substantial increase this year in the amount of bodily fluids and trash left in res halls for the custodial staff to clean.

A few staff members have even been injured while cleaning due to the extremity of some messes.

Yet one would think that cleaning up your own puke would be a reasonable assertion. We are all adults — so what is the problem?

"It is sometimes frustrating for me to see the incongruence between student activism and student behavior," Director of Residential Life Stacey Miller said.

Students need to take responsibility for their environment and the actions they take in it, and what those actions mean, she said.

"We have so many students on our campus who support and fight for our staff to have a liveable wage, but then make no connection between that and the vomit in the bathroom, or the disrespect of the bus driver, or graffiti on the Davis Center," she said.

While we might wish that magic cleaning fairies really did exist, here at the University of Vermont we are lacking. In reality, hardworking people come in with plastic bags and sponges to wash someone else's vomit-covered toilet.

Because of the diligent custodial staff, messes seem to magically "poof" away, so ignoring how that "poof" happens is easy. Students aren't required to be aware of how their messes are dealt with.

If you break a glass or pee on the toilet seat, there is no mechanism to ensure that students are aware that a few valiant people must go to each toilet with a bottle of 409.

Since students are not asked to be aware, they can simply pee (or puke) and leave — a hit-and-run offense.

We, as students, need to take that extra step and become aware.

In your own home, you would think twice about vomiting all over your mother's bathroom floor because she could ground you, take away your television privileges or make you eat your asparagus.

While we do not have asparagus threatening us into submission, we do have our own maturity and will power.

"We are a new, strong generation. We can take the next step and think fully about the consequences of our actions.

Expecting someone else to clean up our vomit is incredibly disrespectful. We are highly educated and responsible individuals, and we should act like it.



## COLUMNIST

## The unwritten rules of Congress



MAX KRIEGER

The past year in Congress has been one of the most aggravating and generally excruciating years that I have ever witnessed.

Most of my strife and hair-pulling can be directly attributed to the "unwritten rules" and juvenile arguing techniques used in Congress.

Filibustering is a technique that the minority party often uses to stop a vote on a bill. They do this by literally talking until the other party cannot stand it and leaves.

The only way to stop this technique is to get 60 votes in a move called cloture.

Ironically, this frequented tool is not mentioned in the Constitution or any other law. In essence, Congress has

provided the means for a minority to set much more of the agenda than they are entitled to.

These childish guidelines make it seem as though Congress is being run more like a game of beer pong with "house rules" than a legislature.

Today these rules have destroyed all sense of cordiality and have created a new lose-lose policy that has been drowning both parties.

Both Democrats and Republicans have decided that they will not only vote against any bill sponsored by the opposite party, they will do everything in their power to fight action by that party.

It comes as no surprise that even though the Democrats have their largest majority in 40 years, they still have trouble passing bills.

This system of gridlock is sickening because it shows that the congressmen and women clearly care more about being right than advancing the solutions to problems.

The representatives have degenerated from public servants into campaign slogan

slingers doing only what will get them elected again.

Now here is the dilemma. Who tells Congress, the highest power in the country, to play nice?

President Obama has tried desperately in the State of the Union and several other addresses to ask for cooperation between the parties.

He has acted as the adult in the room in several situations, but even his parental tone has not moved the parties.

I fear that if Congress does not stop fighting itself, the United States will not be prepared to continue to face the challenges that have risen in the past decade.

This issue is not just about cooperation; it is about national security, health care, education and foreign policy.

Congress needs to cooperate, not because someone has to win the argument, but because the country needs all the help and new ideas it can get.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## CORRECTION

The Cynic would like to apologize for referring to freshman German Vivas as 'she.' Also, the correct spelling for Nick Cafarelli's name is as such.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"I ASK YOU TO FIND ROOM IN YOUR HEART TO ONE DAY BELIEVE IN ME AGAIN."**

— TIGER WOODS, speaking during his public apology Feb. 19.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Democrats can salvage something



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

For the last month, health care reform has been teetering on the brink of death. This Thursday, Democrats are busting out the defibrillator. Wonderful — except the Republicans took out the batteries a long time ago. Thursday is the bipartisan health care summit — an event that could theoretically be used to scrape up some type of reform. But, for progressives, hopes are exceptionally low. Republicans have produced a hefty list of conditions for them to even consider moving forward. Realistically, health care reform is as dead as it ever was.

Still, Democrats have the chance to accomplish something, and they should give an arm and a leg if they have to to get it done. The state of health care in this country is exceptionally bad. It's virtually inevitable that in the near future we will deal with rising health care costs. It's best if Democrats get to slap their brand name on the solution. It might be hard, all things considered, to believe in the inevitability of slowing costs. But there are simply no alternatives. Health care is a uniquely diseased sector of the economy. Premiums are inflating at a much higher rate than wages — edging out potential wage increases. Health care is also eating up bigger portions of our economy. It currently makes up 16 percent of GDP. That's double what it was 30 years ago, and the Congressional Budget Office estimates that in

25 years it will double again. Health care costs are also very — in fact, almost totally — responsible for our long-term budget problem. Keith Hennessey, an economic advisor for W. Bush, has pointed out that this year we'll spend \$25 billion more on Medicare than the previous year. That one-year increase alone is more than total federal spending on higher education or farm subsidies. Again, we're only talking about the sliver of Medicare that's increased, not the Medicare budget as a whole! That trend is, simply put, unsustainable. Taking it all in, Democrats have an opportunity to throw something that's unequivocally important and popular — lowering costs — back in the Republicans' faces. In some sense, that means abandoning the once-primary goal of insuring the uninsured. That's been a fear of progressives for most of the process.

But that goal died with Scott Brown's win, and reigning in costs certainly doesn't hurt the uninsured. For the sake of both their political futures and the American people, Democrats should take this goal and run with it. How to actually bend back costs is a topic that's too complicated for me and too involved for this amount of space, but there are certainly ideas out there — fee-for-service payments, excise taxes, etc. They should all be given a turn in the spotlight. Democrats have the opportunity to turn defeat into something, if not inspiring, at least beautifully practical. They may even be able to sneak in some stuff for the uninsured in the process.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*



ZACH DESPART

## The other Team USA

The Olympics offer a rare opportunity to showcase less popular athletic events and unknown athletes on a stage that is unparalleled in all of sports. Teams aren't driven by the economic bottom line or maximizing the fan experience or by promoting media superstars — resulting in athletic competition at its purest. Sure, even the Olympics have their celebrity. Athletes like Shaun White, Apolo Anton

Ohno and Lindsey Vonn dominate the highlight reels and are well known outside of the Olympic arena. But for the most part, Olympians are unknown. Ever heard of Bryon Wilson? (No, he's not in the Beach Boys.) He took home bronze for the U.S. in men's moguls. What about Julia Mancuso? She won silver in women's downhill. J.R. Celski? Bronze in 1,500m short-track speedskating. Sure, some lesser-known American Olympians achieved some celebrity — Belmont native Hannah Teter was featured on a special flavor of Ben & Jerry's — perhaps the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon a Vermonter. But this is what's so great about the Games — because the athletes are mostly unknown, we root for the country instead. Up until the 1970s, professional athletes were excluded from the Olympics. (It wasn't until 1998 that NHL players could participate.) In America, sports outside the Big Four (baseball, football, basketball and hockey) don't

receive exposure on a national or international stage. The Olympics afford an opportunity for obscure sports to have large audiences — and they're exciting to watch.

**It's a shame that these sports aren't televised to a global audience other than for two weeks in February every four years.**

Short track speed skating? It's a cross between roller derby and sprinting. Downhill skiing? What's not to like about watching athletes careen down a mountain in excess of 80 miles per hour? Ditto for bobsleigh and luge. Skicross and snowboardcross, as well as freestyle skiing and halfpipe, have already been popularized through the X Games.

A side note: Sorry curling, I'm still not catching your vibe; and figure skating, you lost me when you went to the new scoring system — how am I supposed to know that 264.41 is a great score? And I'm still baffled as to why everyone has to wear sequins. It's a shame that these sports aren't televised to a global audience other than for two weeks in February every four years. These athletes dedicate years of their lives for a two-minute routine or six laps around a track. It isn't their day job — curler John Schuster is a bartender in Minnesota. They aren't on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Most don't even get near the medal podium. The Olympic Creed reads "The most important thing is not to win but to take part." We can all take part by celebrating the efforts of all of our nation's athletes. *Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Trust is a critical relationship between two parties. It is hard to gain, easy to lose and impossible to fully regain once lost. The public has lost its trust in the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (VY) and its owner Entergy. They argue for closure of VY in 2012. Much has been said about VY's out-of-state management lying under oath about underground pipes. The lack of trust goes beyond VY management. It encompasses the years Entergy has deferred maintenance at VY and other plants around the country. Entergy's Palisades plant in Michigan has been leaking for years, and the plant has dumped significant waste into Lake Michigan. In addition, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has cited Entergy for under-funding the decommissioning trust funds for several of its plants nationwide. The lack of trust also goes beyond Entergy corporate culture. The NRC has not been living up to the standard tax payers expect. While an NRC staff person has been on site at VY for years, that person has not seen to it that VY meets safety and reliability standards. The NRC creates an image of lax discipline by giving nuclear plants just hand slaps — "non-cited violations" — for breaches of NRC's own regulations. The culture of collusion between the NRC and the nuclear industry it supposedly regulates goes even further. NRC investigators sent to VY to monitor its tritium leaks are "bunking" with VY staff. Where is the independence of the NRC? This NRC-VY coziness has further compromised the credibility, independence and professional integrity of the NRC oversight process. Public trust in VY, Entergy and the NRC has been fatally compromised. I urge the Vermont legislature to emphatically vote to deny VY a certificate of public good to operate beyond 2012.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Eldredge, Secretary  
SIERRA CLUB of the Upper Valley



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Terrorists' cowardice

Terrorists are cowards and I'm going to tell you why. Recent acts of terror, like the string of bombings which targeted candidates in Iraq's March election, have made me think about a lot of things. Mostly they've made me

think back to, of all things, my younger days growing up and playing war games with my best friend. Back in those simpler days, our backyards became every battlefield we had ever heard of from Gettysburg to Normandy to Da Nang. We played war games every chance we got. I visited my friend recently, and — in commemoration of our past war game exploits — we rehashed our old battles. However, instead of lining up in the backyard face-to-face like we used to, we sat in separate rooms. Our method of combat was to send each other text messages, telling each other what we would do without actually ever doing anything. Occasionally, we would

claim that one of the cats in the house had a bomb inside of it, which sent the whole household into a finger-pointing frenzy; no one knew who to trust or when it was safe to get a drink from the fridge. Our new war games, though, were a satire of how contemporary war is fought. Thousands of years of human evolution have brought us from fighting each other in hand-to-hand combat to shooting each other to dropping bombs to the most cowardly of all strategies: terrorism. Our American and coalition forces in the Middle East are fighting unseen, cowardly enemies who play the game of war from hidden bunkers and unreachable rooftops. Almost daily, terrorists bomb roads, schools, buses —

anything they believe will scare us. Their strategy is to invoke terror without showing their face, like a schoolyard bully throwing rocks from the safety of a high tree branch. If those terrorists were to come out and try to attack us upfront, we would send them running for the hills. If they had any courage at all, terrorist leaders wouldn't send audio tapes from some bunker buried in the desert. If they had an ounce of courage, they would come right out in the open and say: "Here we are, come get us!" Instead they cowardly bomb marketplaces and buses. If those terrorists who think they can keep us down had any courage at all, they wouldn't need elaborate stories about

martyrdom ending with 40 virgins in heaven to convince their fighters to attack. They think that if they can just keep attacking us — while hiding themselves from any repercussions — eventually we'll just pack up and go home. Boy, they're wrong. Our brave soldiers are at war with radicals. Radicals who think they can get the best of us and win this war just because we can't find them. These people are nothing more than cowards living in a delusional world, believing they are courageous because they play the game with the "bravery" of being out of range.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



# Crossing borders

## Foreign exchange students find more than they expect

By Katie Gioia

When deciding upon a place to go abroad, whether for a semester or a year, most students choose their destination with extra care.

Students from other countries do the same when they come to the States. So, why UVM?

"What usually happens, particularly in the past several years, students who have been here before go back and talk about University of Vermont to their friends," Amy Corwin, assistant director for International Student and Scholar Services for the Office of International Education, said.

The people of the Living/Learning Center, where exchange students are housed, are very supportive, she said.

"UVM has developed a really great reputation among our exchange students in terms of not only being a beautiful place to come, but the fact that it's very friendly," she said. "They get to know students really well, and they just have such a fantastic experience that they go back [home] to share."

Francis Ayombil, a second-year graduate exchange student from Ghana doing research for the medical school, said he received a scholarship to go to one of many different states.

"My decision was based on my research work as a biochemistry grad student," he said.

Ayombil, who lives in Caribbean House in the Living/Learning Center, said he did not expect to like it here, but he was proven wrong.

"I thought I would not be having fun," he said. "But the people around [here] are easygoing, and so far everything has been good."

He said he has not returned to Ghana since August, when he arrived in Vermont, and has since experienced his first snowfall.

"Before I came here, one of my concerns was whether I could survive the cold," Ayombil said. "But the snow is beautiful."

Double majoring in modern languages and business administration, French exchange student Dila Akbek said that she doesn't really miss home.

"I love it here," she said. "If they told me, 'You can't go back, you have to stay here,' I wouldn't mind."

Over the course of a year, there are about 75 exchange students at UVM, Corwin said.

"In the fall, we get anywhere from 50 to 60 [exchange] students," she said. "In the spring, we have a few that leave and a few that come in, and that is usually from 15 to 25 students."

However, these numbers "have been on the rise for the last five or six years," Corwin said.

"We've had a significant growth in our exchange student population," she said. "In fact, we're going to have another little period of growth starting next fall."

Akbek, who is working on cross-cultural projects with Americanized international students, said she feels that UVM should work not only to recruit more international students but to make UVM more friendly to students of international backgrounds.

"We need to initiate more projects [for international students]," she said.

For Ayombil, one of the many cultural differences that he has noticed between here and Ghana is the custom of introducing people, he said.

"In Ghana, you don't need to introduce me to your friend – you can just talk to anybody randomly, anytime, anywhere," he said. "But here, it is different. Once you talk to some stranger on the street, they're like, 'Who is this guy? Why is he talking to me?' and they begin to be suspicious of you."

Having friends of a different sexual orientation was a huge culture shock as well, he said.

"I never had gay friends [before coming here]," he said. "Being gay is not accepted in Ghana. Anybody who shows tendencies of being gay has to suppress it. But to come to a country where people openly say 'I'm gay,' it's like ... wow!"

He said this has changed his perspective on those of differing sexual orientations in general.

"It has helped me in so many ways to view a sexual orientation as just a sexual orientation," he said. "It has nothing to do with how you really interact. It's just a preference."

Besides having trouble figuring out how class schedules and meal plans work, just as any new student would, one aspect Corwin sees many exchange students struggling with is using and acquiring the English language, she said.

"With the exception of students who grew up speaking English their whole lives, in the first couple days – or months, actually – [the biggest problem] is dealing with expressing yourself in another language and understanding what people are saying when they're talking very fast," she said.

Before coming to UVM, Akbek, who speaks five languages and is working on her sixth, studied abroad in Germany, so she did not experience a huge culture shock.

"I had a couple friends studying in the U.S., so they had already told me what I [was going to experience]," she said. "My culture shock was to see that what they were telling me was really happening."

Although she had to adapt to the comparatively less healthy food of the States, Akbek said her overall experience has been enjoyable.

"Vermonters are very welcoming people," she said. "UVM is really great."



# "July Flame" burns bright midwinter

Singer-songwriter Laura Veirs turns corner with her new album, label

By Colin Driscoll  
Cynic Correspondent

As a sneak peak to her headlining show at Higher Ground, folk singer Laura Veirs performed for an audience at Brennan's Pub on Feb. 12.

A relatively well-known singer, Veirs became famous for collaborating with Colin Meloy of the indie rock band The Decemberists. She also gained attention when one of her songs, "Rapture," was featured on the ABC drama "Grey's Anatomy."

Veirs' show at Higher Ground is part of the tour for her seventh studio album, "July Flame." The album, which Meloy has already deemed "the best album of 2010," was released on Jan. 12.

Veirs describes her music as indie folk. Some of her musical influences include "old country blues" artists such as Mississippi John Hurt and Elizabeth Cotten.

She first started writing music at the age of 19, while she was a student at Carleton College in Minnesota. She and a few of her friends started an all-girl punk rock band called Rair Kx!, though she eventually became more interested in folk music.

Despite the large changes her musical style has undergone, Veirs said that she's kept to a "do-it-yourself" mantra.

After graduation, Veirs moved to Seattle, where she released her self-titled debut album in 1999. It was stripped-down and recorded live with just

her and her guitar.

While living in Seattle, Veirs became close friends with Meloy. She opened for The Decemberists when they toured and sang on one of their albums, "The Crane Wife."

Veirs hopes that her fans feel something when they listen to her music. She avoids clichéd lyrics and creates strong melodies to bring an emotional response.

"I hope that it elicits the same gut reaction that I feel, as opposed to having them analyze it in their heads," Veirs said.

Although she records solo, Veirs has recently begun to tour with a backing band, the Hall of Flames.

Recently, Veirs started her own record label, Raven Marching Band Records. She released her most recent album on this label in the U.S.

"I'm happy to call myself an independent musician because I have my own record label [now]," Veirs said.

Veirs has a lot to look forward to in the near future. She plans on signing several recording artists to her label.

Additionally, she is expecting her first child, due this spring, on her "July Flame" tour.

While she has been a solo artist for 11 years, her recent success and acclaim has given her bigger and more ambitious prospects for the future.

"I feel more confident that I can make a living on my own as a musician," she said.



Singer-songwriter Laura Veirs sings a promo set in Brennan's on Feb. 12 before a show at Higher Ground that night. **MARTINE WONG** | The Vermont Cynic

## A cheap art revival

Flynnndog exhibit displays creativity on a budget

By Julia Wejchert  
Asst. Arts Editor

Not all art has to be expensive pieces hanging on the walls of a museum.

The walls of the Flynnndog gallery display paintings on coasters, matchboxes and pieces of cardboard.

These pieces are part of an exhibit called "Cheap art isn't dead, it just smells funny," which focuses on inexpensive, innovative art.

"We are ... a loose association of people who feel that life without cheap art would just be too damn expensive," a sign in the exhibit said.

All of the pieces use inexpensive materials and are being sold for five dollars, but the exhibit at the Flynnndog has a deeper meaning than to simply display inexpensive art.

"[Cheap art] is a really central critique of the relationship between art and money," Marc Estrin, who helped to inspire the exhibit at the Flynnndog, said.

Estrin has worked for with the Bread and Puppet Theater, a theater in Vermont committed to the philosophy of cheap art.

Although the Bread and



**BRYANT HUGES** | The Vermont Cynic  
The exhibit at the Flynnndog, titled "Cheap art isn't dead, it just smells funny," takes recyclable material and transforms it into gallery pieces.

Puppet Theater is not directly affiliated with the exhibit, it is the connection between all of the artists from the exhibit.

"The association we all have is a relationship with the Bread and Puppet Theater," a sign in the exhibit said.

Although a sign denies any overarching message to the exhibit, the exhibit does present an idea of art that is an alternative to the mainstream art world.

"This commitment to easy and cheap materials is the best thread we have to tie all of this stuff together," the sign said.

Furthermore, almost all of the art in the exhibit is anonymous.

"With the exception of one artist who doesn't listen well, we chose to leave our names out of it," another sign in the exhibit said. "This is just one of the many

ways that we keep the cheap art cheap."

A painting on a tax claim form for college tuition credit deduction suggests that a student, perhaps even one from UVM, could be among the artists, but there is no way to know.

"I love the idea of all the artists not putting their name on the art and making affordable, cheap art," Burlington resident Lisa Lillibridge said. "It's almost like a guerilla art statement."

By leaving names out of things, "Cheap art isn't dead" removes the aspect of recognition from art.

"[The exhibit seems to present the idea that] anyone can do art," Burlington resident Andrew Silva said.

"It's a democratization of art," Estrin said.

## Campus REHABGYM

### Physical Therapy in Burlington

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

**Maria Thibault, PT, ATC**, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.



# Vagabonding on the open seas

International sailing community creates new friendships on the water

By Henry Bond  
Staff Writer

Forget about conventional roadtrips across America.

There's a new way to voyage and it does not take place on land.

Vagabond Sailing is the first online community to connect people worldwide and promote relationships and sailing experiences through adventures called "seatrips," according to its website.

The organization is essentially a less conventional way of traveling and meeting new people, co-founder Robert Patrick said.

"Vagabond Sailing offers travelers an alternative way to move between two destinations — it's like taking a roadtrip on the sea with a bunch of interesting and diverse people," Patrick said.

Inspired by his adventures in Europe in 2005, Robert Patrick — a graduate of Texas State University — said that he decided to create a community that allows members to participate in decisions regarding the destinations and details of their own trips.

The mission behind Vagabond Sailing is "to facilitate awesome, high-quality sailing experiences for people exploring the world, and in the process contribute to social well-being" according to its website.

Launched in January, the online community currently has 150 active members, Patrick said.

"The community is alive and growing, which means that people like our idea and share our vision, co-founder Marco Grasso said. "That's what drives me."

Members of the online community can participate in the trip

arrangements regardless of their background in sailing, Patrick said.

"We are a sailing organization that seeks to involve people from all backgrounds, and we highlight the opportunity for novice sailors to learn," Patrick said.

"Vagabond sailing has the same features as most other popular social networking sites, [such as] the ability to create detailed profile pages and participate in forum discussions," he said.

"We advocate the creation of new friendships; our mission is to unite people from all different cultures and countries," Patrick said.

College students are at the ideal age for this kind of opportunity on a sailboat.

"Students are in a period of inner-searching," Patrick said. "They need unique learning experiences that put them outside their comfort zones."

Many UVM students agree that learning through new and challenging situations requires guidance.

"I think that [the trips] could allow inexperienced sailors to learn how to sail effectively with confidence," freshman sailing team member Colby Vavolotis said. "Sailing is a sport that is very difficult to understand without proper instruction, which makes it

hard for people to pick up on their own."

For college students, budget is also a factor.

"This program presents a cheaper alternative to Semester at Sea programs such as Class Afloat," freshman sailing team member Johnny Norfleet said. "It could be a fun way to spend a summer."

The term "vagabonding" refers to a low-budget style of travel, Patrick said. By definition, vagabonding means to wander from place to place without settlement.

"I chose the term vagabonding because it offsets the notion of sailing as an elitist sport," Patrick said. "We are trying to [reduce] costs as much as possible — it's not a glamour cruise."

Vagabond sailing does not actually own the boats that they use. The online site facilitates trip planning, including where to travel and which vessels to charter, Patrick said.

Trips will run this year from the end of May through October, and spots are available for anyone to participate, Patrick said.

"What begins as a group of inexperienced strangers will become a well-coordinated sailing team," he said.

## THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

### Toyota's troubles

Some people don't like flying because they're nervous about old airplanes coming apart mid-flight. Some don't like old cars because they think they'll break down on the way to their boyfriend or girlfriend's house.

I prefer a car that has a little character, that has been tested in the field and that won't start accelerating whenever it wants.

If you haven't heard, some of Toyota's cars are experiencing malfunctions that cause them to accelerate without warning — and without stopping. Others are having trouble with their ABS braking systems.

In total, 12 late-model Toyotas are affected with some kind of problem big enough for the company to issue a recall.

Their website claims that "many vehicles are unaffected" followed by a link to a list of five cars.

I might not have passed calculus the first two times, but I'm pretty sure that's a 70 percent failure rate.

Recalls are awful for any company. Not only do they lose massive amounts of cash and inventory, but they also tarnish

the corporate image.

Toyota is calling their situation a "voluntary" recall, meaning they don't think the situation is so dire as to warrant a state of emergency. After all, they want as few people as possible running for refunds.

They're telling customers to bring cars in only if they've experienced the problem, but how much peace of mind does that offer? These are things you want fixed before you notice the symptoms.

To Toyota's credit, they're probably getting more flak for this than they deserve.

But when you even have a remotely consistent problem show up regarding safety in the car-making business, you've got to squash it before the entire industry turns on you.

If you're driving a fairly new Toyota, it's definitely worth Google-ing the recall and seeing what actions are needed.

I'm not saying your car is going to try and kill you next time you go to City Market, but it never hurts to be cautious.

I don't think Toyota has been cool since the MK IV Supra died in 1998, but I know a lot of you hippies like your Priuses and I'm pretty sure UVM owns a few hybrid Camrys.

It will be interesting to see how Toyota does with their next-generation lineup, but you can bet they won't be making their gas pedals out of Velcro and glue anymore.

? ? ? ?  
**STD** ? **HIV** ?  
? **CDC** **HPV**  
? **IUD** ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

Planned Parenthood  
A WOMAN'S HEALTH CENTER

CLOSE TO CAMPUS  
23 Mansfield Ave.

DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!

863-6326

www.ppinne.org



www.facebook.com/ppinn



# CALENDAR

**tues.23: WII TUESDAY: SPORTS**

**2.00pm, brennan's pub**

**weds.24: VOICES BIRACIAL STUDENTS**

**8.00pm, harris-millis lounge**

**thur.25: HADAG NACHASH CONCERT**

**8.00pm, davis center ballroom**

**fri.26: BSU EBONY FASHION SHOW**

**7.00pm, davis center ballroom**

**sat.27: TOP CATS FEBRUARY SHOW**

**8.00pm, davis center ballroom**

**sat.27: MOVIE BOONDOCK SAINTS II**

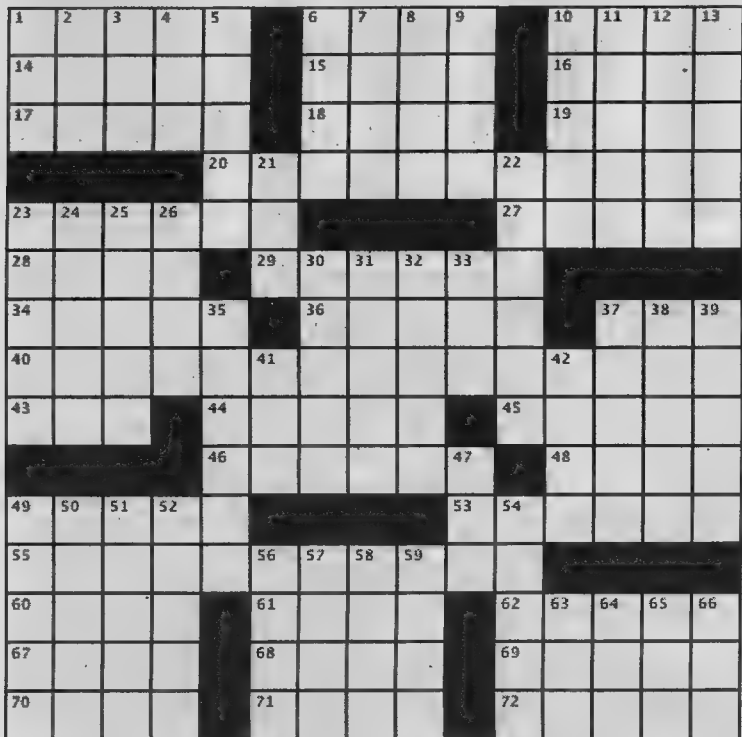
**8.00pm, billings lecture hall**

**uvm.edu/bored**



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## ACROSS

- 1- 71% is under water  
6- Slovenly person  
10- Fruit-filled pie  
14- \_\_\_ luck!  
15- Farm structure  
16- Hydrox rival  
17- Sports card name  
18- Revenuers, for short  
19- Highest point;  
20- Dejection  
23- Spreads out  
27- Muse of lyric poetry  
28- Asian sea  
29- Admonition  
34- Bottom line  
36- Chili con \_\_\_  
37- Horned viper  
40- Like afterschool activities  
43- Coloring material  
44- Rate;  
45- Valuable collection  
46- Boring  
48- Departs  
49- "\_\_\_" by any other name..."

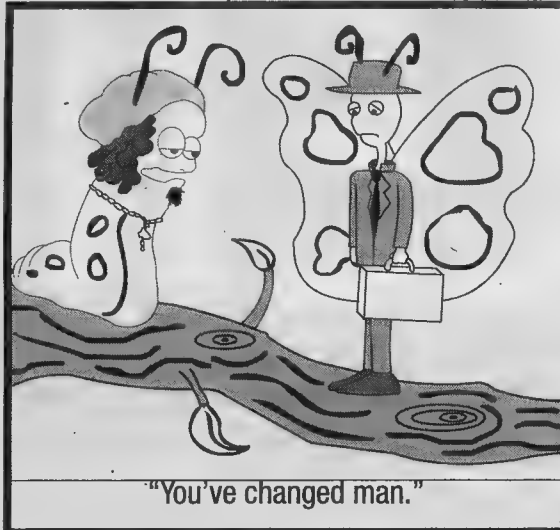
- 53- Recompense  
55- Remove carbon dioxide from  
60- Italian wine city  
61- Dash  
62- Baffled  
67- Turned right  
68- Inter \_\_\_  
69- Film composer Stevens  
70- Bluesy James  
71- Move suddenly  
72- "Peter and the Wolf" bird

## DOWN

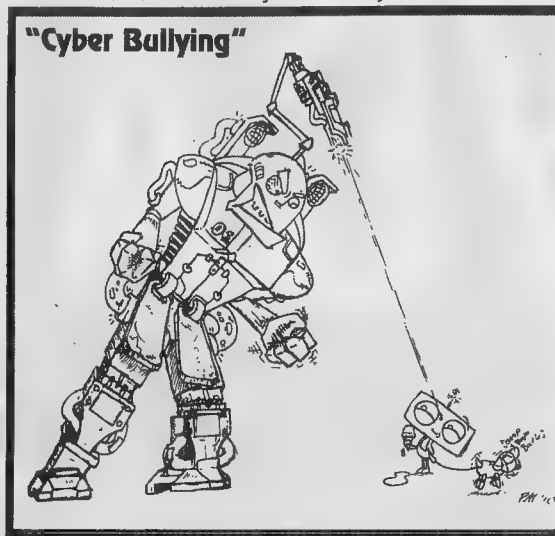
- 1- Mischievous person  
2- "You've got mail" co.  
3- Hwy.  
4- Half a fly  
5- Sturdy  
6- Grounded fleet  
7- Lame movement  
8- Bread spread  
9- Beethoven's birthplace  
10- Hard drinker  
11- Concert venue  
12- Hit back, perhaps  
13- Capital of Japan  
21- Computer key

- 22- Discover  
23- Satisfied  
24- Agent  
25- Starbucks order  
26- Banned apple spray  
30- Sharp  
31- Miscellany  
32- Diamond flaw?  
33- Black bird  
35- Pantry  
37- Crazy as \_\_\_  
38- Rescued  
39- Squeeze  
41- Automobile  
42- Exhort  
47- Sun \_\_\_-sen  
49- Maxim  
50- Adjust to zero  
51- Eight singers  
52- You \_\_\_ mouthful!  
54- Repasts  
56- Glass ornament  
57- Earthen pot  
58- Neet rival  
59- Med school subj.  
63- Beverage commonly drunk in England  
64- Bro's counterpart  
65- Biblical verb ending  
66- Eureka!

## No Good Reason By R. Valenti



## Bruno's Sketchbook By Patrick Tracey



## Dog Days - By DJ Cohen



## Start Your Career in Accounting.



## Northeastern's MS in Accounting/MBA for non-accounting majors:

- Earn two degrees in just 15 months.
- Complete a 3-month paid residency at a leading accounting firm.
- Proven track record of 100% job placement.

## Take the first step.

Visit us online or at an information session near you. Learn more about the program and upcoming events at [www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu).

617-373-3244  
gsa@neu.edu  
[www.msamba.neu.edu](http://www.msamba.neu.edu)

Northeastern University

# Sudoku

2			3	7		8	5	
	1					8		7
	9	7	5	2	4			
6		5		3				8
	3						6	
7				9		3		5
			6	8	3	7	9	
3			7				2	
	7	9		1	5			3

## Electric Beach Hair & Tanning

Where it's all about you

**\$5 off any single tanning service or \$10 off any hair service**

all college cards accepted

- Cutting  
Styling  
Coloring  
Waxing  
Perming  
Conditioning  
Licensed Massages  
Spacapsule Massages  
Facials  
Weightloss Body Wraps  
7 Levels of Tanning:  
• High Pressure  
• Face Tanner  
• Leg Tanner  
• Spray Tanning

1166 Williston Road, South Burlington  
864-1500 • [www.electricbeachvt.com](http://www.electricbeachvt.com)



## Sports Shorts

By Will Andreycak

Catamounts raise over \$7,000 through Pink Zone

The University of Vermont men's and women's basketball teams participated in the "Pink Zone" to help raise breast cancer awareness over the weekend. The event raised over \$7,000 for the Vermont Cancer Center with the help of fans. The women's team wore pink uniforms in their win over Boston University on Feb. 10. The team's game-worn jerseys were auctioned off and generated \$2,900 for the cause.

Men's basketball defeats Hartford

The men's basketball team beat Hartford last Wednesday 74-56. Maurice Joseph scored 22 points while Marqus Blakely scored 16 points and grabbed 18 rebounds. The Catamounts have won six straight games and are now 20-8 this year. The 20-win season makes it the seventh time in the last nine years that the Catamounts have reached the 20-win mark.

Men's lacrosse selected fifth in America East preseason poll

The University of Vermont men's lacrosse team was selected fifth in the 2010 America East Men's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches' Poll released last week. UMBC, who is ranked #14 nationally, shared the top spot in the poll with Stony Brook.

Vermont athletics participates in Penguin Plunge

A group of players, staff members and coaches from UVM took part in the 2010 Penguin Plunge which took place on Feb. 7. The Plunge is an annual fundraising event for the Vermont Special Olympics. Student-athletes from the men's track and field, men's soccer and women's lacrosse teams either jumped into the icy waters of Lake Champlain or helped as volunteers during the event. The 2010 Spring Special Olympics will take place at Patrick Gymnasium on April 17 and 18.

## Heavens wins Scholar-Athlete Award

Field hockey goalkeeper brings award to UVM for 13th straight year

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

Senior goalkeeper Kristen Heavens, a standout on the field hockey team, was recently awarded the 2009 America East Scholar-Athlete award.

The NCAA chooses a recipient from each of the six fall sports — men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and men's and women's cross-country. Heavens was chosen as the field hockey honoree.

Heavens maintains a 3.55 GPA in the physical education program here at UVM. She was also a member of the America East Field Hockey All-Academic Team in the previous two seasons.

This 2009-10 season is the 13th consecutive year that a Vermont athlete has been awarded the America East Scholar-Athlete award.

"We are incredibly proud of Kristen's academic and athletic accomplishments while at Vermont," head coach Nicki Houghton said. "Having the America East Conference publicly recognize her for her accomplishments is a bonus."

The team meets with their Academic Coordinator Ami Forbes biweekly to make sure they are up to speed with all of their academic requirements.

Freshman athletes are also required to attend regular study



**SCOTT PELLER** | The Vermont Cynic  
Senior goalkeeper Kristan Heavens, winner of the 2009 America East Scholar-Athlete Award, plays during a game last semester.

also required to complete the above listed study table hours," Houghton said.

"Maintaining a high GPA while training year-round is challenging but manageable," Houghton said.

Players take advantage of bus rides and hotel stays on their road games to help keep their grades up. They also have to develop excellent time management skills in order to keep up with their work and stay committed to practices and games.

"I've learned to develop very strong time management skills," senior field hockey player Megan Maynard said. It is important to set time aside to work in practice time, lifting, homework, social life and rest."

"I like to take advantage of our long bus rides," Maynard said. "I usually get all of my reading done on the bus and I write papers in the hotel rooms."

Coaches and players are very proud of Heavens's accomplishment, as well as the team's general consistency with GPA and academics.

"To have success, the athletes must make the choices and sacrifices necessary to be academically and athletically successful," Houghton said. "We are fortunate to have a team that strives to give their best."

table sessions.

"Our first-year students are required to coordinate four hours in season and six hours out of season of study table a week. Any team member who has below a cumulative or semester GPA of 3.0 is

## MFA IN EMERGENT MEDIA

The future is in the eyes of the innovators.

**Create. Collaborate. Innovate.**

Are you ready to write the next chapter of the digital revolution? Champlain's residential Master of Fine Arts (MFA) has been designed for a select group of individuals who are ready to explore the bounds of their own creativity, develop the skills to master the technology, and flourish in a collaborative environment. Envision your future with us.

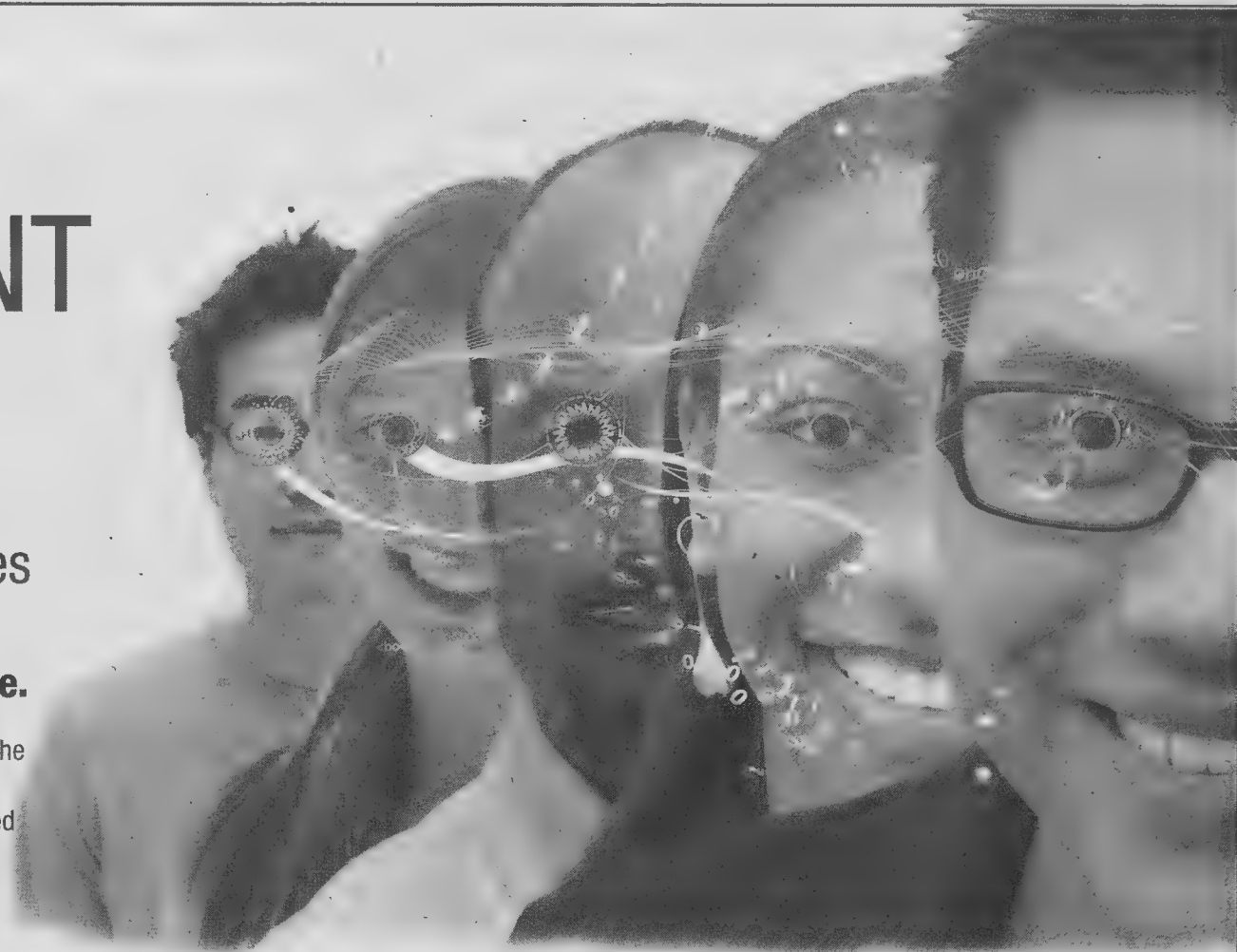
**AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCE**  
**An Individualized Interactive Web Experience**

To learn more about our MFA in Emergent Media, visit our augmented reality experience at **emergent.champlain.edu**



**CHAMPLAIN**  
**COLLEGE**  
Graduate Studies

Now Accepting applications  
**MFA.champlain.edu**







Junior Evan Fjeld scans the court during a Jan. 30 game against Albany. Vermont defeated the Great Danes 64-46 in the contest and followed with a win against Maine on Feb 3.

## Men's basketball nearly falters, pushes ahead for win in overtime

Blakely, Fjeld lead Catamounts over University of New Hampshire

By Will Andreyca  
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's basketball team extended their winning streak to five games after defeating New Hampshire in overtime, 85-76, at a sold-out Patrick Gymnasium on Feb. 14.

Marqus Blakely finished the game with 22 points and eight rebounds after recording only four points and one rebound in the first half.

Evan Fjeld scored a career high, shooting 70 percent from the field, totaling 22 points and hauling in nine rebounds.

The Catamounts appeared to be in control late in the second half when they had a 12 point lead with a mere 4:06 left in regulation. But a 14-2 run by New Hampshire tied the game with 32 seconds left.

The Catamounts had three shots at the end of regulation but were unable to convert, forcing the game into overtime. In overtime, Vermont went on a 7-0 run to take an 80-72 lead with 32 seconds left.

After scoring only 12 points in regulation, Blakely scored 10

in overtime highlighted by an alley-oop dunk that caused the building to erupt while sealing the game.

**"It would have been a devastating loss, being up by that much. I am happy we won"**

**Mike Lonergan**  
Men's basketball  
head coach

"That was a big game for us," head coach Mike Lonergan said.

"It would have been a devastating loss, being up by that much. I am happy we won. I just wish it was a little bit easier for us ... but we'll take it."

A key for the team was converting on the amount of free-throw opportunities in the game. The team went 40-55 (73

percent) from the line, including 9-11 in the extra period.

"We got to the line a lot, and we made our free throws," Lonergan said. "That's really the story of our year."

Blakely played limited minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, which enabled Fjeld to step up and make contributions on both ends of the court.

"Everybody stepped up," Blakely said. "Evan had a huge game, with 22 points and nine rebounds, leading our team in steals and blocks. It's a huge night out of him."

When Blakely went to the bench after picking up his second foul midway through the second half, Fjeld recognized the need to step up.

"My team needs me to do that, especially when Marqus has two fouls in the first half," Fjeld said.

"We needed to find some scoring and I was able to get to the line as well as get some buckets in the post. If that's what my team needs me to do, then I have the confidence to do that."

## Men's lacrosse improving

By Donny O'Neill  
Cynic Correspondent

The UVM men's lacrosse team has high hopes heading into the 2010 season, being ranked fifth in the recently released 2010 America East Men's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Catamounts will have some experience on their side this year as 25 players, including eight of the top 10 scorers, return to attempt to improve upon the 2009 season in which the team finished 4-10 overall and tied for last place in the America East Conference.

The play of the midfield will be a focus this season.

"That's where we brought most of our new guys in and that's where our weakest point was," junior Derek Lichtfuss said.

To assist in achieving this, Vermont added 16 new players to the roster.

"Cal Case transferred in. He's going to be one of our better players this year, and then Drew Philie, we expect to do really big things this year," sophomore Geoff Worley said.

Case, a sophomore who transferred from Stevens

Tech in Hoboken, N.J. and freshmen Philie attended Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass.

"Our obvious goal is to make it to the America East playoffs. We haven't been there since 2003," Lichtfuss said.

The Catamounts will have to battle in conference this season with games on the road against Albany and Stony Brook and at home against UMBC.

Worley said that that the team will be looking to avenge previous losses against Albany and Stony Brook this season.

"We felt like we let Stony Brook kind of sneak away with a win, and we were beating Albany the whole game and let them sneak away with a win," Worley said.

Another highlight on this season's schedule is a March 16 game in Charlottesville, Va., against the third ranked team in the country.

"We always look forward to Virginia because it's just the chance to go down and play someone who's a national powerhouse year in and year out," Lichtfuss said.

LAST WEEK

**WBasketball** 2/13  
Vermont 64,  
Binghamton 39

Vermont extended its winning streak to five games as seniors Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos combined for 37 points, defeating the Bearcats on the road.

**MHockey** 2/13  
Merrimack 3,  
Vermont 2

Merrimack scored with 1:29 left to go in the game, taking back the lead from the Catamounts and winning the game at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

**WHockey** 2/14  
New Hampshire 4,  
Vermont 0

Four different Wildcats recorded goals to defeat the Catamounts on the road. With the loss, the Catamounts dropped to 10-20-1.

THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** 2/23  
Women's basketball @  
Stony Brook 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** 2/24  
Men's basketball @  
Stony Brook 7 p.m.

**Friday** 2/26  
Women's lacrosse @  
Penn State 6 p.m.

**Men's hockey vs. Boston U**  
7:30 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse

**Saturday** 2/27  
Men's lacrosse @  
Drexel 1 p.m.

**Women's basketball @ Hartford**  
4 p.m.

**Sunday** 2/28  
Men's basketball vs. Binghamton  
12 p.m. Patrick Gym

**Men's hockey vs. Boston U**  
3 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse



**NEWS**

Investigation of flying sink continues

**SPORTS**

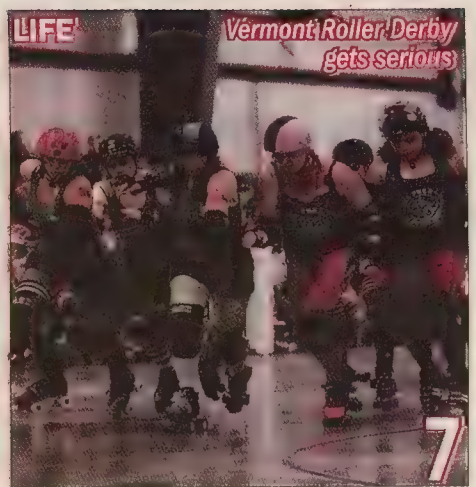
Women's hockey season comes to a close

**12**

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, March 2, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 20 | Burlington, Vermont



## Monkey House hosts Phantogram, an optical illusion of sound - Page 8



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

## Senate says "no" to Vermont Yankee

### Vt. nuclear power plant gets shut down for good

**By Patrick Tyler**  
Staff Writer

Amid cries from students and Vermonters alike, Vermont Yankee will not be relicensed, leaving the future for energy in Vermont uncertain.

The Vermont state Senate rejected Vermont Yankee's bid for relicensing by a vote of 26-4. The nuclear power plant will close in 2012 in accordance with its original agreement, so long as the plant doesn't appeal the decision in court.

The next step will be finding alternative sources of energy to fill the gap left by Yankee's absence, state senator Ginny Lyons said.

"As the chair of natural resources I've been working on energy legislation for eight years," Lyons said.

The legislature has been

looking for long-term power agreements and contingency plans that don't involve any electricity from Vermont Yankee, Lyons said.

The federal government has already provided capital for the state to invest in renewable energy generation, she said.

Incentives for alternative energy will be provided by the clean energy development fund, Lyons said. The fund has already begun to invest in wind and solar energy in Vermont.

However, while the legislature voted not to relicense Vermont Yankee and the plant appears to be on track to be decommissioned, the plant could try to bypass the senate altogether, Senator Tim Ashe said.

"They could attempt to take court action to challenge the ability of the legislature to have

any role at all in what normally is a nuclear regulatory commission process," Ashe said.

Entergy Louisiana, Vermont Yankee's parent company, will probably now sue or take some sort of legal action, Ashe said.

An agreement signed by the plant in 2006 required them to bring any renewed operation bill before the Senate with a condition that allows Vermont Yankee to resubmit the bill before they're required to shut down in 2012, Lyons said.

"A legislature in the future could certainly put another bill out or the same bill out and it could be a different outcome," she said.

Either way, Lyons said, Vermonters should not worry about losing power.

"The lights are going to stay on," she said.



BASIL TSIMOYIANIS | Greenpeace

A sign is displayed outside the Statehouse in Montpelier on Feb. 24 during an historic vote by the Vermont Senate to shut down the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.

INDEX NEWS 1-3 — OPINION 4-5 — FEATURE 6 — LIFE 7 — ARTS 8 — DISTRACTIONS 9 — COMICS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for *The Cynic*? No experience necessary. Contact [cynic@uvm.edu](mailto:cynic@uvm.edu)

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)



# No mercy for sink, no sink for Mercy

Students in Mercy Hall pull sink from wall, throw it out window

By Natalie DiBlasio & Katie Renda  
Asst. News Editor & Staff Writer

Sinks usually remain on the wall.

However, after freshman Jordin Lumsden heard a crash around 1 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3, she would say differently.

A group of students on the second floor of Mercy Hall ripped a sink off of the bathroom wall and threw it out the kitchen window, Timothy Bilodeau, captain of the UVM Police Department said.

"It's under investigation," Bilodeau said. "I can say that no one has been charged with the crime presently."

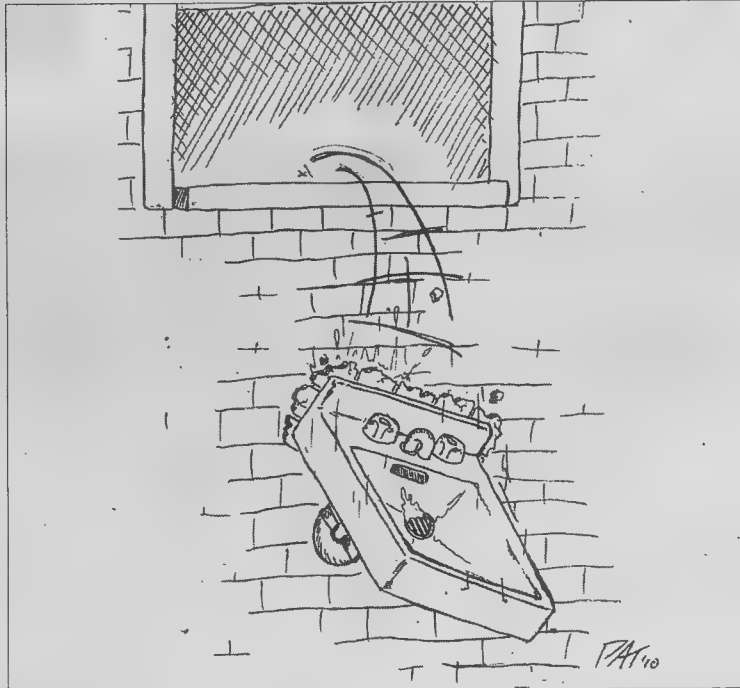
Students in Mercy Hall are keeping their mouths closed, freshman Tommy Barkovic said.

The RD came with two RAs and gave the floor a speech about how their responsibility to report people who are vandalizing or breaking things, he said.

"We said, 'None of us are going to fess up. We might know who did it, but we are not going to do that to our community members,'" he said.

The cost for the damaged sink is \$142 and the cost for the water clean-up is \$37.84, Brian Hooks, residence director of Jeanne Mance Trinity Campus, said.

"Ultimately we don't want to charge the folks that didn't do anything," assistant resident



director Tomás Sanchez said. "We don't want to charge the building or the floor — we want to charge the people who are responsible for it."

If caught, the students could face criminal charges, Bilodeau said.

"The consequences could be a criminal charge for unlawful mischief and a subsequent referral to UVM's Center for Student Ethics & Standards," he said. "[It depends] on the outcome of the judicial findings and potential recommendations."

Sanchez said he believes that the problem with Mercy is that there is lack of second-year students on Trinity Campus.

"Sometimes the better peers are those who have already lived on campus for a year and can say something like 'hey that's not cool, man,'" he said.

UVM Police working in partnership with the campus community on public safety is also crucial, Bilodeau said.

"Crime awareness is an integral component of crime prevention," he said.

# Students don't know their rights

Forum will discuss dry res halls, dorm room searches and citations

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

You're drinking alcohol in your dorm. An RA comes in. What do you do?

The SGA and IRA are hosting a student rights forum Wednesday, March 3, with the hope of giving students an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as UVM residents for situations like these.

"A lot of students don't know their rights," Director for Student Advocacy Erik Graham said. "When an RA can enter a room, what happens after you get written up? We want to answer some of these questions."

For many students, it's not clear legally what police can and can't do in residence halls, but it's important not to see them as an "opposing authority," Graham said.

"We want to fill in residents about what happens when they get in trouble by educating students about living in halls," he said.

"I'm excited to hear from students to see if they've had any problems," SGA President Bryce Jones said referring to the judicial process and life in residence halls.

"We need these sort of events to figure out if there are any issues that need to be addressed," Jones said.

Though no particular incident prompted the forum, SGA senator Katie Rifken said

most students lack a general understanding of university policies.

"From what I've heard, some students get in trouble and think their rights have been infringed upon — but they signed the housing contract," Rifken said.

The Housing and Meal Plan Contract that all UVM residents sign is a legally binding document that stipulates the rules for living in a residential hall.

"It's a problem that students don't read over their housing contracts completely, if at all," Rifken said.

The forum will have a panel consisting of a UVM police chief, the assistant vice president for Student and Campus Life, a representative of the Office of General Council, a former RA and a student on the Peer Judicial Board.

"We're having students on the panel to make the information more accessible to students — not just another lecture at students," Graham said.

Rifken said that she hopes students will attend the forum.

"It's always hard to get students to come to these," Rifken said, "but it's something they should be concerned about, especially with dry residence halls."

The student's rights forum will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, in the Livak Ballroom, on the fourth floor of the Davis Center.

# Company commends, students condemn

Soy gets some mixed reactions at UVM

By Jenna Tucker  
Cynic Correspondent

With options at nearly every dining hall, soy is not just for vegans anymore.

Vermont Soy, a local soy company, recently praised UVM for its use of their sustainable products. However, some students believe the new fad isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Vermont Soy representative Beth Mullen recently visited the Simpson dining hall and Brennan's Pub and Bistro to applaud UVM for their use of soy.

"UVM is one of our biggest accounts," Mullen said. "You guys have been super great."

Despite its positive effect on the local economy, junior Nathan Joseph said he is worried about the effect soy production has on the environment.

"To an extent, soy can be good — but the way we harvest and cultivate it is not," Joseph said.

Soy is the second most popular crop in America, but it is grown in oversized fields that are inundated with chemicals to keep insects away, he said.

"It can be good to produce the soy in a field amongst other things, such as onions, which work as a natural pesticide,"

Joseph said.

Sophomore Senowa Miz-Fox said she is concerned as well.

"They are tearing down the Brazilian rainforest to make soy crops, which is absolutely absurd," Miz-Fox said. "Population is growing so largely, and yet there's still this huge hunger problem. The trick is finding a balance."

We need to curb our resource consumption as well as control population, she said.

However, Mullen said she thinks there are benefits to soy.

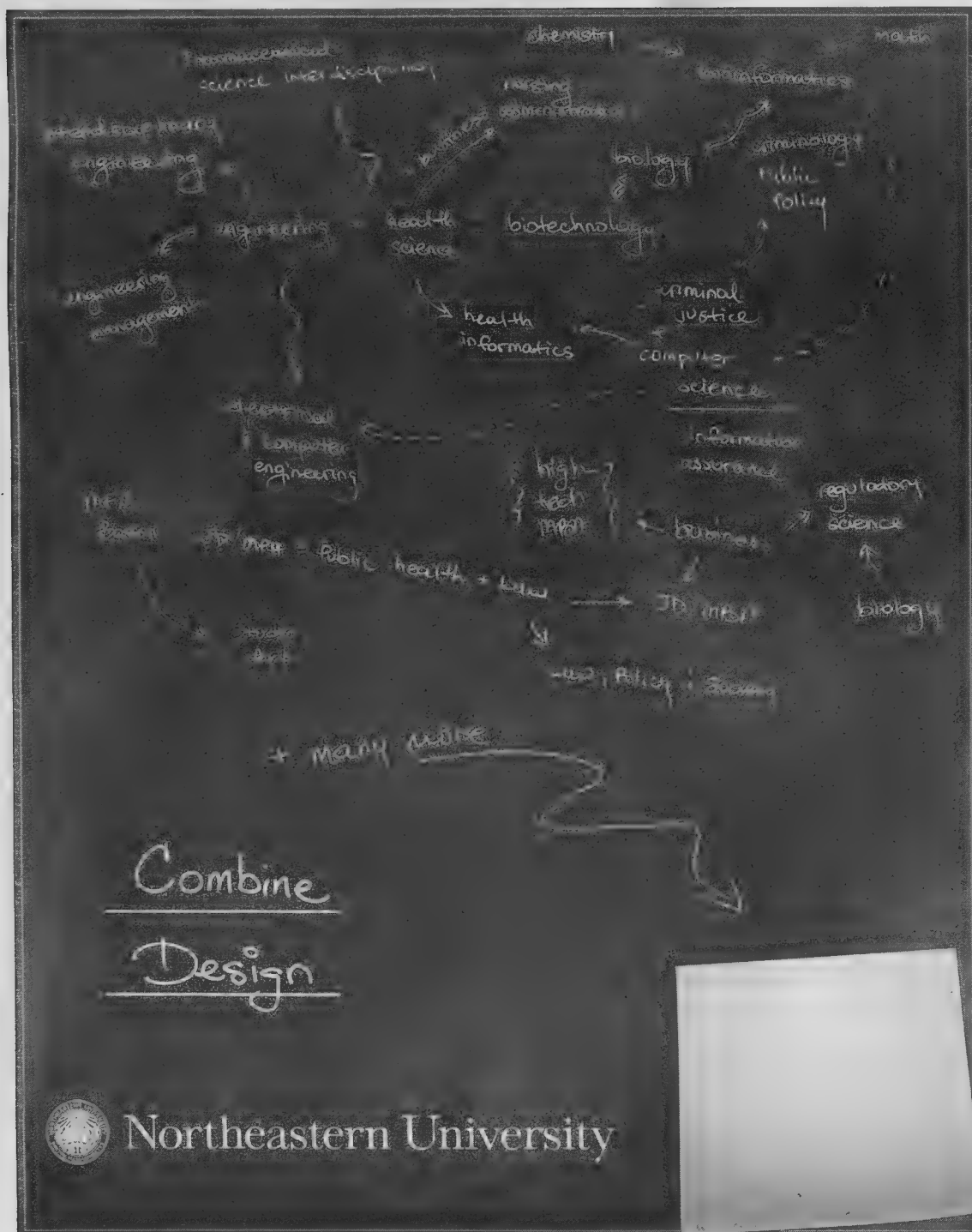
By using soy products, students are helping to support Vermont and Quebec farmers, she said.

Brennan's started using Vermont Soy products in September 2008 for this reason, Brennan's manager Bijan Samimi said.

"We wanted to support the local farmers and still have a sustainable product," Samimi said.

However, there are a lot of other local sources we can get our vitamins and minerals from, Miz-Fox said.

"It's definitely a good addition to a healthy diet, and it has a lot of health benefits such as extra vitamins, but I don't think it's the future of food."





# Students can get anything, anytime

## Former students start bicycle delivery team to serve Burlington and UVM

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

These aren't your typical delivery guys.

The Crucial Couriers bicycle delivery service, started this past fall by former UVM students, is becoming increasingly popular as more and more students are attracted to their service and their attitude.

"It's become much more successful than we thought," co-creator and former UVM student Zack Rouda said.

The Crucial Couriers — who deliver everything from term papers to groceries — are more concerned with reciprocity and community relations than with money, Rebecca Sananes, marketing and outreach coordinator for Crucial Couriers, said.

"We're not working for a wage like you do in the normal capitalistic job," Rouda said. "It's an investment in this thing. It's fun to bike, but I'm doing it because ideally we're going to work together to support our own existence and not have to be tied to a wage."

Other members agreed.

"It's also about being local, and thinking more on a closer scale," Sananes said.

Not only is it about being

a local business, but it's also a personal business, Rouda said.

"I'm a guy on a bike, you call me up, I'm not sweating, then I work for you for 20 minutes and I'm breathing hard," he said.

Initial interest in the business came from students, Christine Hill, a rider for Crucial Couriers and former UVM student, said.

The interest continues to grow, as students find more uses for the delivery service.

"[Crucial Couriers] sounds awesome to me — that they can bring anything to you at any time. Like if you needed to get a paper delivered right at once, and didn't want to waste any time, that would be really useful," sophomore Monique Hanson said.

The business was created by former UVM students Harrison Hagan and Zack Rouda.

"Me and Zack were both from fairly large cities, and we spent a lot of time in D.C. biking around those busy cities, competing with traffic in cities, and we envied that whole idea and wanted to recreate that here," Hagan said.

The current group involved in running Crucial Couriers does not know where the business is going, but plans to stay and see the project through, Sananes said.

"People wait until later in life to be their own boss," Hill said. "I just want to do it now."



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Harrison Hagar, 22, is a Burlington resident who works for Crucial Couriers. The delivery team rides bikes to deliver packages for UVM students and Burlington residents.

## UVM Volunteers recognized for community service



MARTINE WONG | The Vermont Cynic

Vermont Peace Corps volunteers discuss their various experiences in the Burlington Public Library on Feb. 25. UVM was recently recognized by the Peace Corps for having an outstanding number of volunteers for a university its size.

### Peace Corps ranks UVM highly for volunteer service among all medium-sized universities throughout the United States

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

When people think of Vermont they think of maple syrup and skiing, but they may not know the state is nationally ranked for volunteer service.

Vermont was named the 2009 Peace Corps top state for volunteers per capita and UVM was recently ranked as a 2010 Peace Corps top college, according to a Peace Corps New England Regional Office media advisory.

"[UVM was] ranked number 13 out of all medium-sized universities across the entire United States," Goldstein said.

The Peace Corps Headquarters ranked all schools or universities of that size based on their output of Peace Corps volunteers, Goldstein said.

Goldstein said she took on the position of Peace Corps

Representative at UVM this past month, working largely as a recruiter for the Peace Corps for UVM and the colleges in the surrounding area.

"I have planned information sessions and panel discussions so that people can come and hear what the Peace Corps is — the work that is involved, what the volunteers are like and the application process," she said.

The population at UVM is well-suited to get involved in the Peace Corps, Goldstein said.

"There is certainly an interest in service, and in travel, and an adventuresome spirit among a lot of students," she said.

Former Peace Corps volunteer Patrick Gaetjens said that his time spent teaching English in Romania was an interesting experience and that the Peace Corps is a great way to take two years off and figure things out for yourself.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News), Will  
Andreyak (Sports) Jason  
Scott (Copy)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Matthew  
Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## - ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Adding wet to the dry

Of-age students came close to saying goodbye to drunken walks up the Main St. hill.

Last Wednesday, Erik Graham, the Chair of Student Advocacy for UVM's Inter-Residence Association (IRA), attempted to pass a resolution supporting the conversion of the UVM campus from dry to wet. IRA voted 11-3 against the resolution.

UVM was formerly a wet campus, instating a new drinking policy in 2006 to accommodate for an abnormal increase in citations of students.

Graham wanted to see this change.

According to the IRA legislation, alcohol consumption should not be limited to university staff on the presumption that they will be more responsible than students.

The current rules create a double standard.

University faculty and staff are allowed to consume alcohol in residence halls where they live, while students, who also live there, are not.

It assumes that college students, although legally considered adults, aren't as responsible as university-employed adults.

It is unfair to assume their irresponsibility.

However, to deserve such legislation, students would have to be ready to accept the opportunity to show that they are responsible while not taking advantage of their new freedoms.

There are also safety issues involved.

"Keeping the campus dry causes residents to drink downtown or in other locations away from help which residential advisors, University Police Officers and/or other university staff could provide in the case of an emergency," according to the resolution.

Being able to remain on campus and drink is inherently safer, as the

legislation states, due to ResLife's support.

This resolution should have passed with flying colors, and was backed with solid reasoning, but instead it was shot down in an 11-3 vote.

"I was actually expecting people to be more in support of it. I was surprised," IRA President Lucy Croft said.

Although there are arguments against it, the University should consider allowing 21-year-olds to drink in the dorms under harsher punishment when a rule is broken.

This resolution would allow those legally able to drink to have a ResLife safety net, as well as the comfort of knowing they were being treated as adults.

## COLUMNIST



MAX KRIEGER

## Fire and forget

Imagine a world where at any time, a giant metal tube filled with explosives could burst through your roof and incinerate you, your family and your neighborhood.

This is the reality Afghans face every day of their lives.

This threat does not come from terrorists or evil nations, but from a nation supposedly fighting these things: the United States. It is no wonder that our nation is not held in very high esteem in many parts of the world.

The aerial strike technology available to the world's superpowers allows extreme devastation to be wrought with little to no actual human interaction between

combatants.

Pilots must only push a button and fly home while their missiles destroy the dens and hideouts of terrorists and also the homes of the families in the area.

This total lack of respect for, and violation of, the sanctity of human life should be considered a war crime at the very least.

According to the Human Rights Watch, every year of the war in Afghanistan has brought progressively worse casualties due to careless bombings. In 2007, more than 1,633 Afghan civilians were killed in these air strikes alone.

Although the United States is not the sole perpetrator of the attacks, it still holds much of the responsibility.

What amazes me is the total lack of concern from U.S. citizens and government officials.

Many see it as part as a necessary evil to fight for the Afghan people's freedom.

This forces me to ask the question, why are American lives more valuable than the lives of people in other nations?

Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks on 9/11. That number seems staggeringly high and the event affected each and every American citizen.

These sorts of mass deaths occur every year and often every month in

Afghanistan and nary a foreign eye gives a second glance.

Is it alright to kill someone that lives far away from you? Am I allowed to kill people in Alaska in order to take their oil?

The answer is: of course not! The United States and the countries participating in these anonymous and heartless bombings clearly do not realize the toll they are taking on the people of Afghanistan.

**Is it alright to kill someone that lives far away from you?**

After Vietnam, it became a crime against humanity to lay land mines and indiscriminate air strikes are no different.

These strikes do not only hurt those who wish to fight the U.S. but also hurt women, children and every citizen of Afghanistan and they must stop.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"I GOT CANCER. MY DAD HAD CANCER. IN FACT, HE DIED OF CANCER. IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS AREA WHO DIED OF CANCER"**

— Herman Singleton Jr, 51, a resident of Mossville, La., where 14 chemical plants are causing abnormally high levels of disease.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

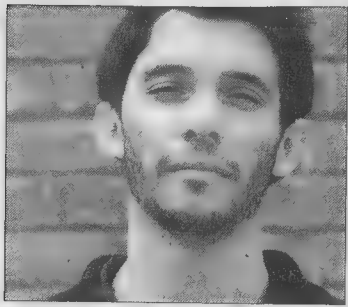
[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

**ADVERTISING**  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Paying a debt the hard way



MICHAEL FARLEY

It seems like no matter what this country does to build revenue, we are just digging ourselves further and further into debt.

It seems like no matter what this country does to combat crime, criminals find new ways to break the law.

And it seems like change will never come.

Doesn't it?

Well, I have a plan just for you *Cynic* readers which will not only cut down the debt, cut crime, unburden the overwhelmed prison system and — as if things couldn't get any better — build revenue on top of all that.

How, you ask?

Well, before I tell you, perhaps I should lay a few things out for you so that everything is out in the open:

Currently in the United States, 7.3 million people are in the penal system in one form or another. Roughly 3,000 of those incarcerated are on death row. The average cost for one prison inmate is \$20,000-\$25,000 per year.

Some not-so-simple math brings me to an unfathomable number that is somewhere in the ballpark of \$150 billion is spent each year to house, clothe, feed, educate and rehabilitate convicted criminals.

Is it just me or is there something we could spend this money on that would benefit this country more than providing three hot meals, a bed, a television, an Xbox (yep, convicts play "Call of Duty" just like us!) and a stocked gym — not to mention conjugal visits — to criminals?

Firstly, doing away with death row would save over \$60 million a year.

And don't get confused — I don't mean do away with the death penalty — I'm talking within a year of that guilty verdict being issued a murderer will meet his or her demise. No more of this spending a decade plus on death row, so if they want to appeal they better do it quickly!

The next step?

Speed up the trial process.

Just a few weeks ago a case from 1999 was settled here in Vermont.

1999!

We've gone through three presidents and countless seasons of "American Idol" since then. What the hell were the judge, prosecution and defense doing that whole time?

**Somewhere in the ballpark of \$150 billion is spent each year to house, clothe, feed, educate and rehabilitate convicted criminals.**

Speeding up the trial process would not only cut down on court and other expenses, but also quickly bring convicts to the last part of my plan, which is to put all those who are incarcerated to work.

For free.

They're the ones paying a debt to society, so why should we pay them?

This country is in dire need of a new infrastructure,

including roads, bridges and telecommunications, and we have about seven million able-bodied workers who can work on projects to build this infrastructure, which would generate an immense amount of revenue once goods and information can start moving on those new routes.

In my opinion, by getting rid of death row we are making more space in prisons for temporary stay inmates and saving countless millions of dollars every year. Speeding up the trial process cuts down on court expenses and puts those convicted criminals to work more quickly. And what better way to deter people from crime than to threaten them with a speedy trial, hard labor and a quick death if convicted of murder?

We treat convicted criminals as if they are humans, when, more often than not, they treat other humans like animals. It's about time we get our priorities straight and make criminals really pay their debt to society by having them help build a new one.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*

# "Methinks you do protest too much"



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

On Feb. 19 the Israeli Ballet came to the Flynn Theater.

That evening a handful of protestors disrupted the event, holding anti-Israel posters in front of the stage. *The Cynic* has covered the disruption, and if you search around the internet activist landscape a bit, you can find a video.

Do you ever get frustrated and discouraged? Ever want to let out a loud, guttural sigh?

Yeah, me too.

The sigh's really hard to translate into text, but I figure it would go something like this: urrgghh.

Anyway, the most prominent poster ever-so-tactfully reminded the audience that "No Tutu is Big Enough to Cover Up War Crimes."

Uurrrrggghhh.

And yes, there's actually more wrong with that than the blatant rudeness.

To start, critics of Israel insist that they shouldn't be branded anti-Semites. Their views are purely political and should be treated as such. That's a thoroughly fair request I think.

But it's very hard to sustain that position if you take an event like, say, the ballet, and turn it into your own anti-Israel forum.

But, of course, the activists have a rationale — the ballet accepts money from the Israeli state!

And it does. In fact, it accepts \$1 million annually.

So, many online activists take this as evidence that the ballet is part of a concerted effort by the Israeli state to

blind the world with its culture.

We're meant to believe that an art form that's enjoyed by roughly 1 percent of the population is mass propaganda.

There's an episode of "Seinfeld" where a local Mom and Pop store goes under, taking Jerry's shoes with them.

**Sometimes things just are what they are. Nations are usually proud of their culture. There doesn't need to be an ulterior motive.**

Kramer suspects foul play, to which Elaine responds, "So, Mom and Pop's plan was to move into the neighborhood ... establish trust ... for 48 years.

And then run off with Jerry's sneakers."

This is kind of like that. Sometimes things just are what they are. Nations are usually proud of their culture. There doesn't need to be an ulterior motive.

Sadly, I think this is a part of a broader protest culture. Many activists feel morally obligated to make their views felt whenever there's a remotely decent opportunity to.

Had no one protested at the ballet then, well, who knows what would have happened?

I would assume that a lot of people would have enjoyed the performance undisturbed.

It seems though, that we can't let such a disaster happen.

Uurrrrgggghh.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Due to recent events concerning campus food and student health, it has become absolutely necessary to examine dining on campus in a critical light. Every traditionally housed student living on campus is a customer of campus dining services, specifically Sodexo.

As on-campus students are contractually obliged to spend money with Sodexo, there is little doubt that the system is unjust.

Sodexo's claims must be reasonably assessed in a realistic way.

As the student brain is enriched, a holistic approach would suggest that the student bodies deserve nourishment as well.

Instead of nourishment, however, it is a struggle to find nutritious food in the University's caloric emporiums. The idea of healthy dining has been defended thus far by the multi-billion dollar, multi-national giant of a corporation that is Sodexo.

A project of the sustainable endowments institute, the green report card, gave UVM's dining top marks. This survey was conducted for 100 schools around the country. Efforts that were cited by the Sodexo representative in the survey included food sourcing from student run farms (i.e. the Common Ground project that runs during the summer) and a thoroughly impressive amount of local products.

Something, however, does seem amiss.

The Sodexo rep claimed that local products include "milk, honey, cider, yogurt, salad greens, beef, hamburgers, soy milk, tofu." Sodexo claimed to have spent \$250,000 on local products in 2009.

So where are they?

An experience at any of the dining halls frequented by students may present a narrative removed from the pleasant face shown by Sodexo reps. When entering campus dining, the first option visible is the grease option: frozen hamburger or chicken patty with french fries, pizza.

If these products are not produced in factory farms outside of the bio-region, this is the opportunity for Sodexo to respond.

If the entrées are truly chef-prepared from local, healthy ingredients, it should be known. The reality is there are healthy, local options. They are marked as such, and for this, their prices are unfairly inflated.

The healthy, sustainable option of university dining exists only as deep as the surface level. A student body can't be fueled by publicity.

There is simply a discrepancy between the food in the pictures, and the food on our plates. With the contractual costs of meal plans, it isn't affordable to seek out nutrition. Without our consumer power of choice, we are helpless to respond.

A competitive market would force the food to the excellent side of the spectrum at UVM. We deserve it.

It's time to start demanding it.

Sincerely,  
D. Forrest Murray  
UVM Sophomore

*mightier than the sword*

**OPINION**  
It's your pen. Your voice.  
Your way to make change.

Never underestimate the power of the written word. [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)



# BURLINGTON or Girlington?

## Gender gap affects colleges, classes and courting

By Casey Manning  
Senior Staff Writer

McKenna, Ruth, Emily, Kate, Brittany, Danie, Stephanie, Amanda, Alyssa, Nicole, Sarah, Arielle, Allison, Casey, Emily, Katie, Hannah, Suzanne and Jake.

This is how the attendance roster of a Communication Methods lab being held this semester reads. Notice anything?

In this lab, part of a class that is required for all students within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, there is only one male student.

This is not an isolated phenomenon. The University of Vermont, with a student population that is 55 percent female, joins the ranks of colleges and universities across the country that are seeing the gap between female and male enrollment grow, according to a *New York Times* article published Feb. 5.

The University of Vermont 2010 Sourcebook reports an enrollment of 5,784

"I have definitely noticed the gender gap at the gym. At any given time, the gym has way more girls than boys working out."

Haley Clayton  
UVM Sophomore

undergraduate females to a male population of only 4,587. But do those 1,197 extra women make any tangible difference?

"I think that as an elementary education major I notice the gender gap more than some of my peers," sophomore Haley Clayton said. "My classes are for the most part all women except for the one or two male elementary education majors."

Even outside of her classes, Clayton has witnessed this disparity.

"I have definitely noticed the gender gap at the gym. At any given time, the gym has way more girls than boys working

out," she said.

Professors are conscious of the gender tilt as well.

"I certainly am aware of it," Dr. Thomas Patterson, senior lecturer within the Community Development and Applied Economics department, said.

"I don't think about it. It doesn't affect my teaching or what I get back from students in any way," Patterson said.

Even if professors are not changing their methodology to cater to the majority, the question of whether colleges and universities are skewing admissions to balance the gender gap arises.

In an opinion piece for *The New York Times*, the Dean of Admissions at Kenyon College Jennifer Delahunty Britz said that she had rejected a female applicant, whom, if the applicant had been male, would have been accepted without hesitation.

Beth Wiser, Dean of Admissions at UVM, however, denies such practices in skewing admissions to the University.

"It's one of those factors that we're going to look at, just like we look at geography, just as we look at a whole variety of factors when it comes to those secondary factors," Wiser said.

"We're not actively trying to achieve a 50:50 gender balance. We feel like our gender representation is in line with what the national headline looks like, and certainly in line with institutions like ours that have the same academic make up."

But is this fair to the commonly called "fairer sex," who, like other groups that were historically excluded from the realm of higher education, had to fight for the mere privilege of applying to an institution such as UVM not so long ago?

"I admire the brilliant successes of our daughters," Britz said. "To ... the students getting thin envelopes, I apologize for the demographic realities."

Despite the efforts, whether blatant or

subtle, of admissions departments across the country to achieve an equal ratio, the female majority on college campuses still stands.

Sophomore Corey Bushey, a social work major, can feel the difference.

"It affects me most in class," he said. "Definitely my willingness to speak up sometimes."

The College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences boasts the largest gender gap skewed in the opposite direction, with 721 male students enrolled compared to 151 female students.

Even freshman engineering major Eric Schroeder did not hesitate when asked if in his everyday life he noticed that UVM was predominately female.

"I feel like most of the people in my classes are girls," he said. "Yeah, surprising. I know."

Off campus, in the heart of a town referred to by some as "Girlington," little changes.

"Downtown, at the clubs, I notice it there too," Schroeder said.

When asked if he felt like the gender gap affects him, Schroeder responded, "for the better."

But tell that to McKenna, Ruth, Emily, Kate, Brittany, Danie, Stephanie, Amanda, Alyssa, Nicole, Sarah, Arielle, Allison, Casey, Emily, Katie, Hannah, Suzanne, and to all of the women who might in some way or another be affected by the gender gap, whether it be in the admissions process or on the dance floor.

Or maybe just tell that to Jake.

"It affects me most in class. Definitely my willingness to speak up sometimes."

Corey Bushey  
UVM Sophomore

### Gender ratios in Burlington and surrounding area, according to The Princeton Review:

**University of Vermont:**  
55 percent female, 45 percent male

**Champlain College:**  
39 percent female, 61 percent male

**Saint Michael's College:**  
51 percent female, 49 percent male

**Middlebury College:**  
50 percent female, 50 percent male

**Bennington College:**  
68 percent female, 32 percent male

**Castleton State College:**  
54 percent female, 46 percent male



## Vermont Roller Derby not for the faint of heart

By Julia Wejchert  
Senior Staff Writer

Bring together a bunch of women, some skimpy outfits, plenty of aggression and a crowd full of beer and what do you get?

No, the answer is not a keg party catfight — it's an all-girl roller derby.

The Green Mountain Derby Dames are Vermont's first and only ladies' derby league, and they are serious about their sport.

"The mix of athleticism, female bonding and the do-anything-you-want-alter-ego aesthetic is impossible to find elsewhere," UVM alumna Sarah "Blitzkreig Blondie" Neith said.

The Derby Dames league was founded in 2007 after a gag grew into something more serious.

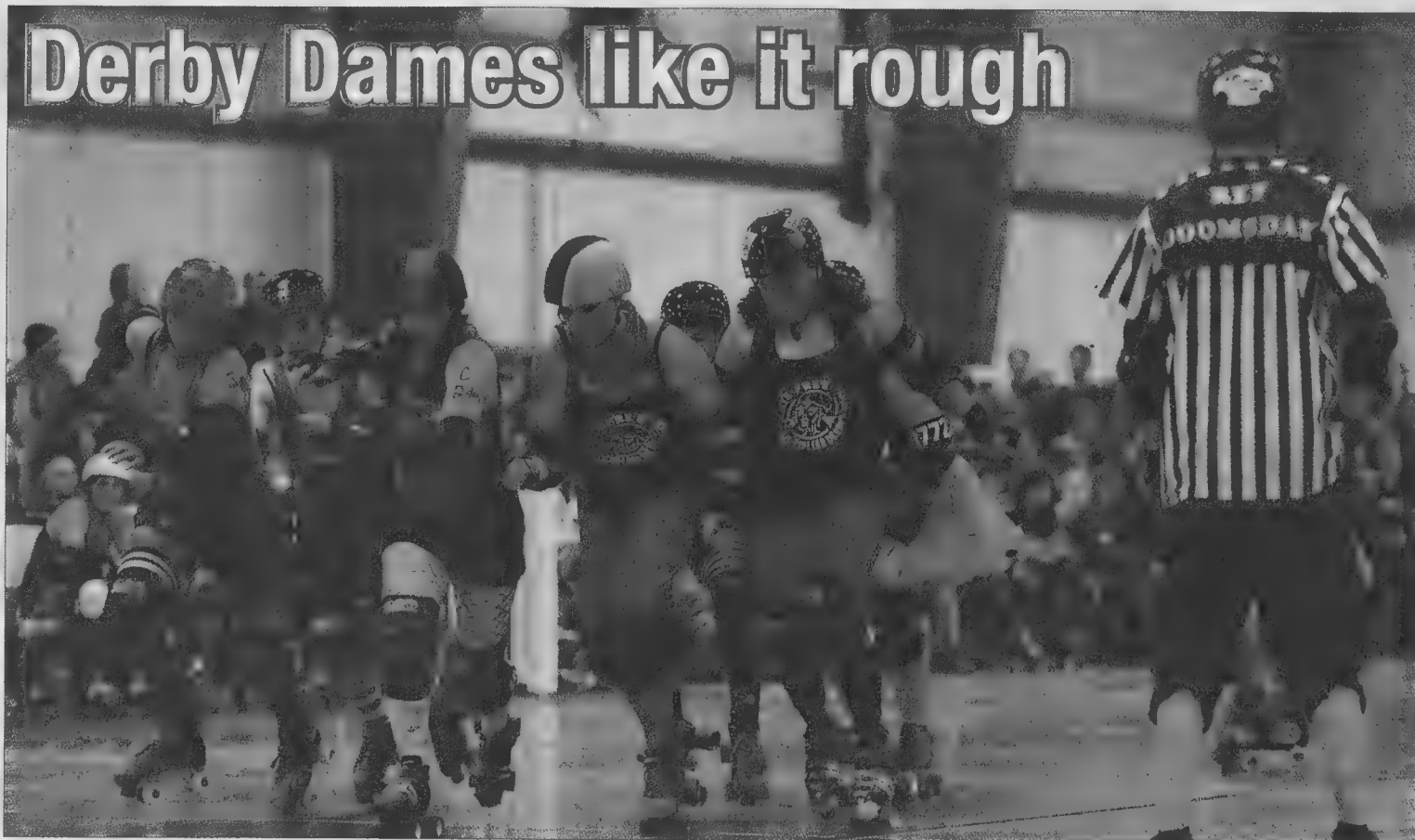
"[At first] everyone thought it was a joke, impossible and something that would never catch on," founding member Courtney "Wreckless Love Mama" Reckell said, "which is obviously not the case since we sell out crowds of 1,500."

The Derby Dames displayed their chops at the Heartbreaker Bout — their first competition of the 2010 season — on Feb. 20.

On one side there was a beer garden — which finished the initial five kegs. On the other side there was everyone from eager preteens to parents and kids.

"I've never seen derby before," audience member Kelly Kirkpatrick said. "I was confused, yet very excited."

## Derby Dames like it rough



ANDRE MALERBA | The Vermont Cynic

Women of the Green Mountain Derby Dames compete against Skate or Die New Hampshire on Feb. 20.

"It is a sport that young, old, women and men can enjoy as a spectator," Derby Dame Melissa "Tuffy Magilicutt" Robair said.

Perhaps it was the possibility of rowdiness that kept people in their seats, because by the second half the sold-out bout got significantly more aggressive.

As announcer "Candy Corn-Ary" said, "They don't play nice in the Northeast Kingdom."

Skaters knocked each other down left and right in an effort to become the lead jammer — a coveted role that gives the skater the ability to end the jam

whenever they choose.

The ladies were sent to the timeout box for illegal checks, at least one skater returned to her team looking beyond annoyed after a bad jam and there was even a six-skater pile-up.

"I love full-contact sports," announcer "Pelvis Costello" said.

However, even the beer garden looked concerned when a timeout was called because a skater from Skate or Die New Hampshire was injured in a fall.

The Skater — "PatUNya Grave" — was taken away in a wheelchair but seemed to be

okay.

The Heartbreaker Bout was tied at the end of the game — an extremely rare occurrence in roller derby — with Skate or Die New Hampshire winning by seven after the tiebreaker jam.

Still, despite the aggression that takes place during the game, there is a sense of camaraderie surrounding the sport.

"After you're done roughing up another skater on the track, you leave that all behind, and appreciate the other team's performance over after-party beers," UVM alumna "Modesty

Blaze" said.

Any eager female can try out to become a Derby Dame, and the skaters encourage it.

"Don't be intimidated or scared," Neith said. "While it may take a while to get your groove, it's totally worth the work, sweat and pain."

The Derby Dames' next bout is March 13 against Central New York Roller Derby Utica Clubbers at the Champlain Valley Expo.

For more information of Roller Derby and the Derby Dames visit <http://www.gmderbydames.com>.

## THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA & CINDY AMOAKO

## Common sense clothing

Would you bring a calculator to your English lecture? A sailboat to Wyoming? How about your skis to Florida?

Didn't think so.

Though many of us may lack common sense to a certain degree, it is something you should use all the time — so what makes fashion any different?

Oftentimes, fashion gurus tend to be mistaken for prissy people who aren't down-to-earth. We at Style Files are here to defend many of you well-dressed individuals by proving that this is not always true.

"Remember not to wear your heels to go hiking!" is something we hear often. The last time we checked Webster's, "fashionable" didn't show up as a synonym for "stupid."

There's a time and a place for every type of look. Of course you wouldn't take nice shoes with you on an outdoorsy trip, just like you wouldn't — or rather, shouldn't — wear hiking gear to class.

Be proud of who you are, whether you work the catwalk for a living or you live Thoreau-style in the woods. But be smart — wear the right thing for the appropriate situation.

Out to Rasputin's for the night, then off to Jay Peak in the morning? Wear something flashy to get your grind on at night, then bundle up in all your gnar-shredding gear the next morning.

Simple, right?

It's not necessary to try to prove you're down-to-earth by wearing clothes that make you look like you play in the dirt a lot. You never know — that girl with major swag in your economics class could be an avid part-time gardener. Don't be so quick to judge.

We assure you: Looking nice, wearing makeup and dressing up is nothing to be ashamed of.

Does a doctor wear his or her lab coat out to the bars after a long day's work? No!

Use your head.

We'll leave our heels at home if you promise to leave the pajamas at yours.

## IRA and SGA invite you to...

## STUDENT RIGHTS NIGHT

### Featured Panelists:

- UVM Police
- Former RA
- PJB Representative
- Office of the General Council
- Dean of Students office





# The Godspell, according to UVM

By Colin Driscoll  
Cynic Correspondent

For the past several nights, students, parents and community members have been gathering in Royall Tyler Theatre to listen to the words of Jesus Christ.

Well, not exactly.

"Godspell," the UVM Theatre Department's latest production, ran from Feb. 18 to 28 and was sold out on all of the dates.

Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak first produced the play in 1971 at the height of the Vietnam War.

They wrote the play to provide a more accurate depiction of the story of Jesus at a time when the general public was misrepresenting his words and ideals, according to Schwartz in an interview.

While the play is based on the Gospel according to Matthew, it seeks to provide a non-religious, humorous take on these divine words.

The play, which the theatre department depicted through an ensemble cast, opened with several philosophers — Socrates, Martin Luther and Leonardo da Vinci to name a few — that spoke, depicting the "Tower of Babel."

After this brief prologue, the cast members assumed their roles as Jesus' disciples. In an odd twist, the members were referred to as their real-life



Photograph courtesy of UVM Department of Theatre

The cast of UVM's Godspell performed sold-out shows for 10 days.

names when they are disciples.

This beginning was particularly choppy, as the opening did not mesh well with the following scene, in which Jesus enters.

But Jesus' character made up for this rough start. Sam Durant Hunter, a junior theatre major, played the young preacher with a vengeance.

Although clad in simply a sweatshirt and jeans, his

presence took over the entire theater as soon as he spoke. As he preached to the ensemble cast, who were then playing his disciples, his disciples did as they were told in an obedient fashion.

The ensemble cast was a positive attribute of the play, as all of the actors proved to be extremely versatile.

While Jesus told the stories to his disciples, the ensemble

cast changed characters, becoming the figures in his stories. These stories were portrayed comically, as they were told in a modern, joking fashion.

This humor was a common theme throughout the play, turning an often serious subject into a lighthearted tale.

Senior theatre major Julia DiFerdinando took the humor to a new level in her portrayal of an

an elongated death of Lazarus. The entire audience broke out in laughter as she continuously rose from the ground, only to fall back down each time.

As the play moved into the second act, however, the tone completely changed. This was inevitable, though, as the entire audience was aware of Jesus' eventual demise.

While unavoidable, this reenactment depicted his betrayal in a graceful manner.

The ensemble cast, who were then playing the townspeople, were starting to doubt Jesus' teachings. Nevertheless, Hunter remained in character, completely unfazed by those persecuting him.

As he died on the cross, however, he showed a different side of Jesus. In a weakened voice, he yelled "Oh God, I'm dying!"

In spite of the fact that Jesus rose from the dead according to the Gospel, the play ended on this somber note.

One of the bright spots in the play was the superb singing, in different styles and genres.

The final scene is highlighted by the cast singing the play's signature song, "Day By Day."

Overall, "Godspell" was quite entertaining. The lack of props and the simplicity of the costumes highlight the most important part of the play — the acting.

## Lessons for the silver screen begin at the Fletcher Library

Local grad student gives back, hosts free screenwriting classes

By Julia Weichert  
Senior Staff Writer

While each individual class at UVM costs an arm and a leg, graduate student Tommy Walsh offers a chance to learn about screenwriting for free.

Walsh teaches an Intro to Screenwriting class at Fletcher Free Library every Saturday at 3 p.m.

A Masters of Fine Arts student at Goddard College, Walsh is required to do 15 hours of teaching, he said.

"At Goddard, we believe that students need to give their learning back to their community," Director of the MFA in Creative Writing at Goddard College Paul Selig said.

Selig said that students complete this requirement in a number of ways, by working at places as diverse as prisons and libraries.

Walsh decided to teach a free, weekly class in Burlington for anyone who might be interested.

"I was kind of inspired to reach out to the community," Walsh said.

Each week, the class explores various aspects of screenwriting.

"We started from the core of what storytelling is," Walsh said. "We did character one day, setting another — each class kind of

starts snowballing upon each other."

The class is also about developing people's personal plot ideas.

"All you really need for a movie is an idea," Walsh said. "The people coming here aren't necessarily academics but they're people with ideas."

The class appeals to nontraditional students with busy lives because of its relaxed, assessment-free structure.

It represents a great opportunity for those who are thinking about writing a screenplay, allowing for a wide variety of students' abilities, attendee Cordell Hull said.

Furthermore, Walsh makes an effort to keep the class un intimidating.

"[Walsh] is very enthusiastic and makes the idea of writing a screenplay seem like an adventure worth undertaking," participant Sue Mick said.

According to the syllabus, Walsh's class motto states that in order to live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

The eight-week course is winding down, but the class has sparked an interest by the students to have a screenwriting forum in Burlington.

"I got approached by a student to start a screenwriting group," Walsh said. "The idea is to have it be an open forum to screenwriting."

## A medley of "eyelid movies"

Phantogram creates contemplative night at the Monkey House

By Madeleine Gibson  
Cynic Correspondent

Even behind closed eyes, the strobe light flashes in time, pulsating to the beat-driven sounds of up-and-coming artists Phantogram.

The recently signed Barsuk Records band found an enthusiastic and slightly intoxicated crowd at the Monkey House on Feb. 22.

What they described as dream pop — drony, angular, psychedelic, swirly music was right at home in this local, welcoming music establishment.

Sarah Barthel and Joshua Carter comprise the duo, which formed in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in 2007, originally as "Charlie Everywhere." They changed the name to Phantogram, an optical illusion, after copyright issues.

The band focused on this illusive quality during their show, projecting distorted pictures of nature on the backdrop behind them.

Friends since freshman year of high school, the two perform cohesively together. Barthel's liquid voice flows over her synth-inspired keyboard, with Carter's guitar weaving head-heavy melodies that add to the music's dark lyrics.

The duo decided to unite after a hiatus due to college and other bands.

"She was in Burlington, I was in New York and we both moved back home. Very much a transition period... I quit a band and she was done with school," Carter said.



BAILEY CUMMINGS

| The Vermont Cynic

Sarah Barthel and Joshua Carter are the Phantogram duo.

In an attempt to create music with admirable elements and ideas, Phantogram has eclectically mixed many influences, from '60s French pop to Interpol.

Intriguingly, the band's sound, with electric beats and haunting voices, is urban, whereas their hometown of Saratoga Springs is rural.

Most of the recording was done on farmland east of Saratoga Springs, where Carter and his family grew up.

"[We recorded here] mainly because we can make a lot of noise, it's cheap and there are

no distractions," Carter said.

But with this freedom came the depressing feeling of being alone, far from civilization.

"In the middle of nowhere there is a certain loneliness and desolation to feel, to break free of chains," he said. "It is like driving down a dark tunnel with that tiny pinhole of light at the end."

The lyrical content of "Eyelid Movies" is dark, but it encourages the audience to break free of their own chains through a musical escape. For both of them, the songwriting process is unique every time.

"The songs that came easy happened instantaneously... [we'd] jam over a simple beat, lyrics would pour out," Carter said.

Some music reviewers are quick to slap a label on the band as electronic. Rather, the human element of produced beats lies in the fact that they are organic: chopped up samples of live drums, guitar and synth.

Phantogram's plans are to continue touring, an experience they have found amazing. With initial support from NPR and a college radio series in Oregon, they eventually earned the attention of Barsuk Records.

"In October we signed with Barsuk — super nice guys. People we really admire are digging into our music," Carter said.

For soft-spoken Barthel, the Monkey House was a reminder of her college days at Champlain College.

"There is a good energy in Burlington," she said, "even though the weather is shit."



Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15				16				
17				18				19				
20				21				22				
23					24	25	26	27				
				28	29				30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37				38		39			
40								41	42			
43				44	45	46		47				
48				49				50				
				51				52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60				61	62				
63							64	65		66		
67							68			69		
70							71			72		

- ACROSS

1- Did the butterfly  
5- Church recess  
9- Consumers  
14- Mata \_\_\_\_  
15- Geezer  
16- Water wheel  
17- Resistance units  
18- 8th letter of the Hebrew alphabet  
19- Category  
20- Tiny plant part  
22- Misplaces  
23- Trunk  
24- Totaled  
28- Cipher  
34- Ice cream topped with syrup  
38- Quaker cereal  
39- Unattractive  
40- Prima ballerina  
41- Subordinate ruler  
43- Bamboo stem  
44- Corp. bigwig  
47- Flammable gas  
48- Inconsiderate  
51- Thorny flowers  
52- Bridge positions  
57- Addis \_\_\_\_  
61- Bivalve mollusk  
63- Mineral used as a gem  
64- Zeno's home  
66- Grasp  
67- Old-womanish  
68- Completed  
69- To \_\_\_\_ (perfectly)  
70- Trades  
71- Farm team  
72- Tear
- DOWN

1- Curt  
2- "Hooray!"  
3- Defense covering  
4- Thin fogs  
5- Dull pain  
6- Frost's field  
7- Drunkard  
8- Biblical verb ending  
9- Free of an obstruction  
10- Han \_\_\_\_ was a "Star Wars" character  
11- Ages  
12- Ascend  
13- Back talk  
21- Nearby  
25- Mil. address  
26- Advanced degree?  
27- Throws  
29- Sound again, again  
30- Batting Babe  
31- Pearl Mosque city  
32- Blueprint  
33- Excitement  
34- Denomination  
35- D-Day beach  
36- Taboo  
37- Mon \_\_\_\_!  
42- Baffled  
45- Aliens, for short  
46- Cheer for Manolete  
49- Eats grass  
50- Ancient Palestinian  
53- Communion table  
54- Roofing stone  
55- Memento  
56- Swiftness  
57- Not much  
58- Endoskeletal component  
59- Capital city of Western Samoa  
60- Sphere  
62- Capital of Calvados, in NW France  
64- Conductor de Waart  
65- Bagel topper

Sudoku

Easy

						7	9	
	8	1	6			5	3	4
				4	8		2	
4			5			8	7	
7			3		9			2
	5	8			4			6
	6		7	3				
2	9	5			6	3	4	
	7	3						

Medium

	2	4	3	8				
					6			7
	5	8				4		
4				1				
			7		5			
				2				8
		1				6	7	
3			5					
				4	9	2	1	

Hard

2			6					
	3			2			4	1
		6			5		8	
				3			7	
		5				2		
	1			6				
	8		3			7		
7	2			4			1	
					6			4

MFA IN

EMERGENT

MEDIA

The future is in the eyes  
of the innovators.

Create. Collaborate. Innovate.

Are you ready to write the next chapter of the digital revolution? Champlain's residential Master of Fine Arts (MFA) has been designed for a select group of individuals who are ready to explore the bounds of their own creativity, develop the skills to master the technology, and flourish in a collaborative environment. Envision your future with us.

AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCE

An Individualized Interactive Web Experience

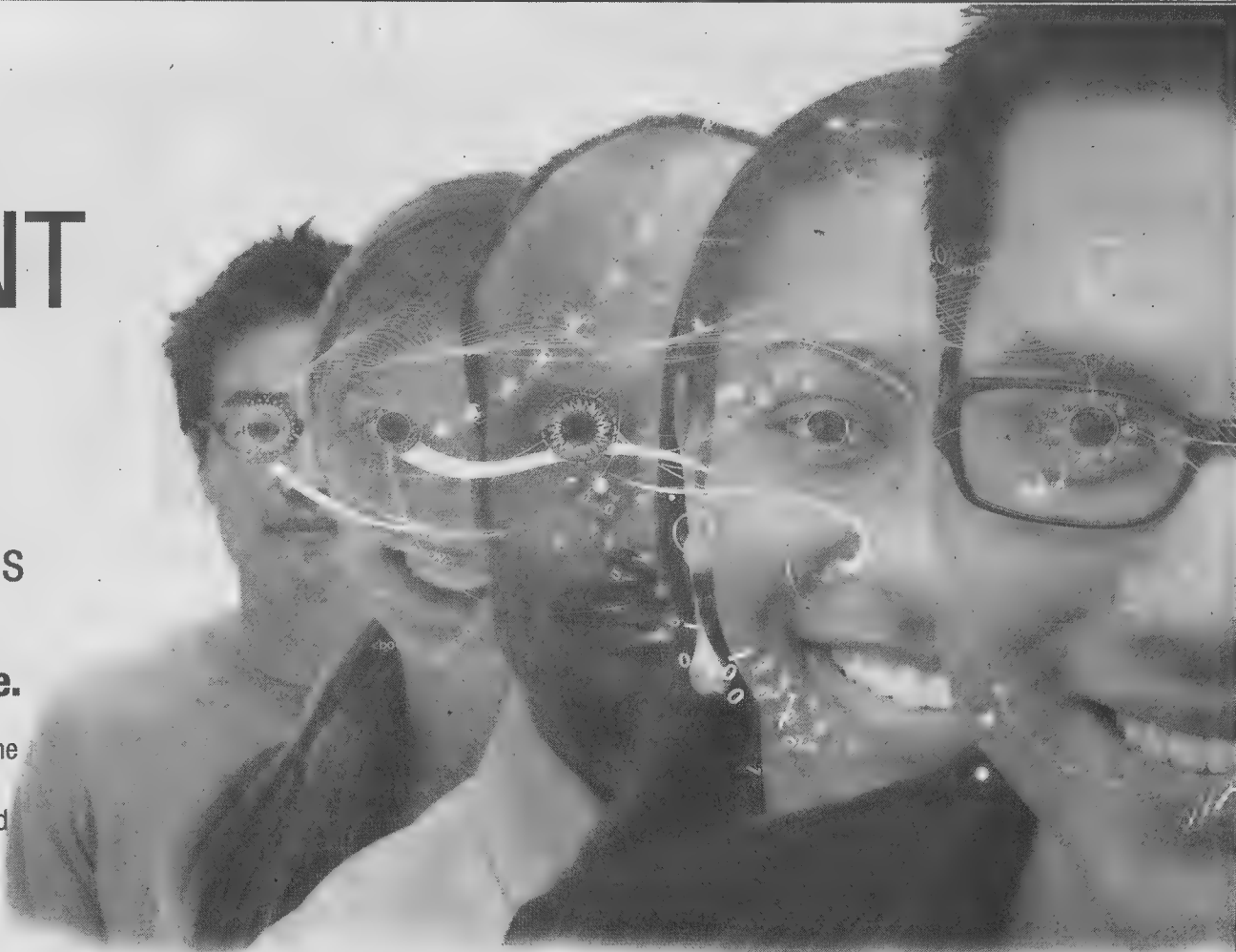
.....

To learn more about our MFA in Emergent Media;  
visit our augmented reality experience  
at **emergent.champlain.edu**



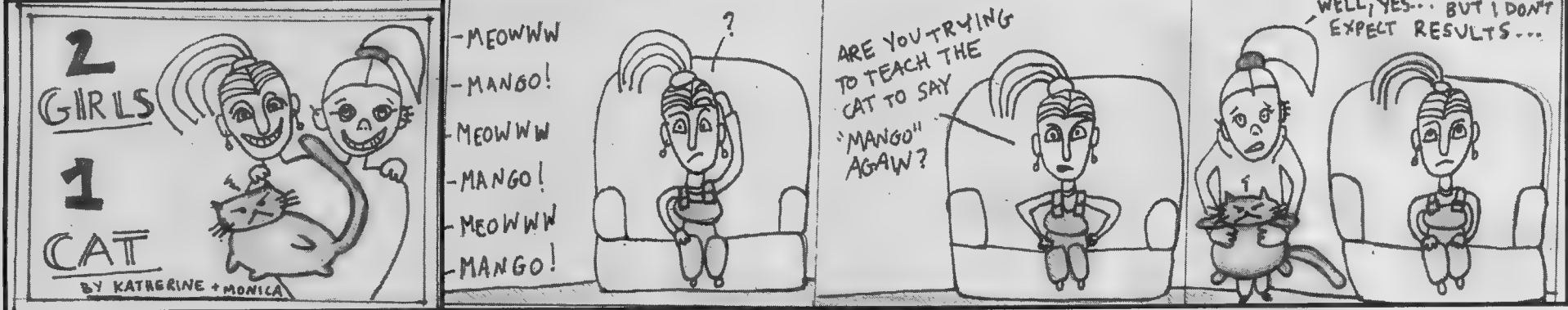
CHAMPLAIN  
COLLEGE  
Graduate Studies

Now Accepting applications  
**MFA.champlain.edu**

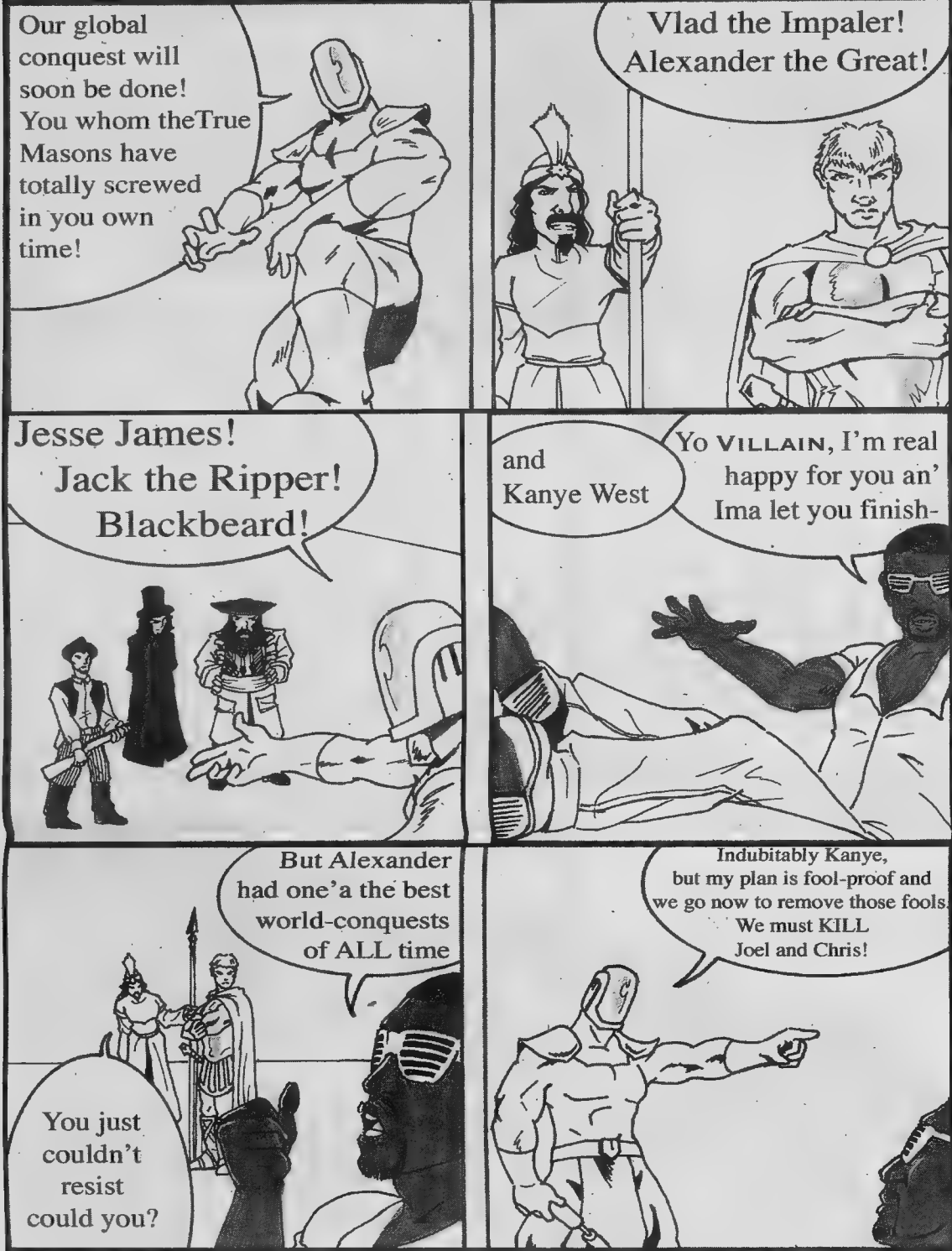




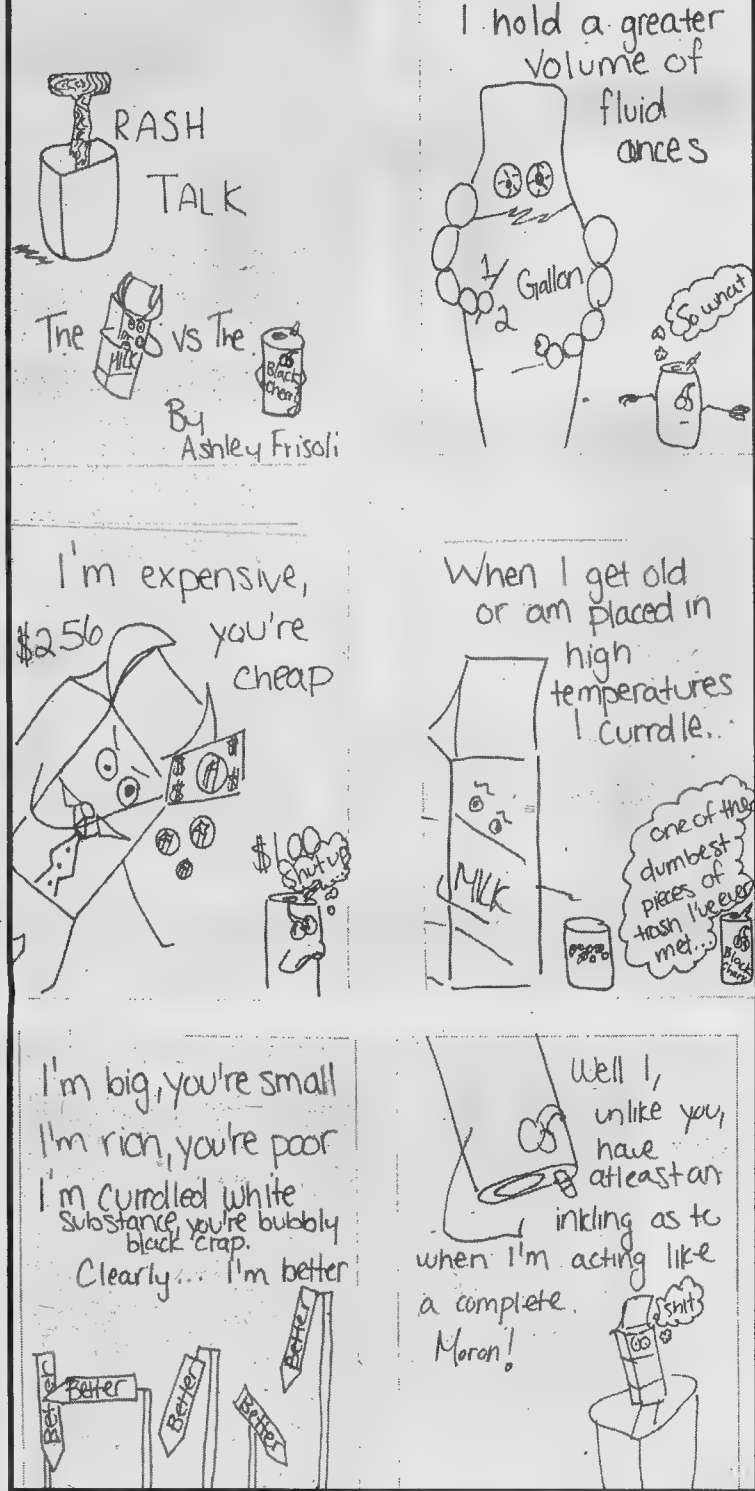
2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



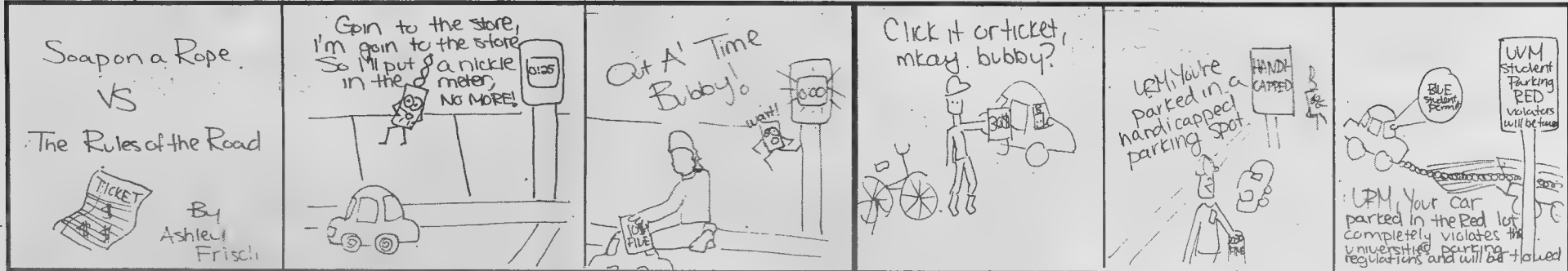
The Adventures of Joel and Chris #14 By Andrew Becker



Trash Talk By Ashley Frisoli



Soap on a Rope By Ashley Frisoli



**GTO** Gentlemen's Top Option

Come experience Burlington's finest hair salon for men... at a discount!

- New clients only please...present this coupon to receive your first 4 haircuts at GTO for only \$20 each.
- Existing clients, please show your stud. to receive \$2 off your haircut.
- Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8am to 7pm and Saturdays, 8am to 4pm, FREE Parking.

**863-3969**

86 Lake Street  
On the Burlington Waterfront

[www.gtovt.com](http://www.gtovt.com)

**Electric Beach Hair & Tanning**

Where it's all about you

**\$5 off any single tanning service or \$10 off any hair service**

all college cards accepted

1166 Williston Road, South Burlington  
864-1500 • [www.electricbeachvt.com](http://www.electricbeachvt.com)

Cutting  
Styling  
Coloring  
Waxing  
Perming  
Conditioning  
Licensed Massages  
Spacapsule Massages  
Facials  
Weightloss Body Wrap  
7 Levels of Tanning:  
• High Pressure  
• Face Tanner  
• Leg Tanner  
• Spray Tanning

**Life Together: Inclusive, Inquiring, Instructive Ecumenical Christian worship service.**

Sundays at 6:30 p.m in the Ira Allen Chapel. The services are offered by Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) at UVM. Contact [ccm@uvm.edu](mailto:ccm@uvm.edu)



# Catamounts look toward the postseason

Promising play of freshman class gives the Cats a potentially exciting future

By Donny O'Neill  
Cynic Correspondent

The University of Vermont women's basketball team is roaring towards the America East conference tournament, currently sitting in second behind the University of Hartford with a 12-2 record.

Not only are the Catamounts eyeing the 2010 America East title, but also a bid to the 2010 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

The team is positioned to make the tournament either by way of an at-large bid or a 2010 America East Conference championship.

Much of the Catamount's success this year can be attributed to the play of team veterans. The team's scoring leaders are the dynamic duo of seniors May Kotsopoulos and Courtney Pilypaitis.

Kotsopoulos is having another stellar year, consistently giving the Cats a legitimate scoring threat. Pilypaitis — who recently became the conference's second career assists leader — is doing it all this year by leading the team in rebounds per game (7.6) and assists (124) as well as being the second-leading point scorer.

Senior Sofia Iwobi and junior Tonya Young also add veteran leadership to the starting squad.

The fifth member of the starting lineup is freshman Kendra Seto who, along with five other first year players, is providing some much needed

support this season.

Seto is fourth on the team in points per game (9.7) and third in rebounds per game (5.1). Seto attributes much of her success to what she has learned from the upperclassmen.

"They have been terrific role models on and off the court," Seto said.

Fellow freshmen Lauren Buschmann, Morgan Albert and Kristine LaLonde are providing head coach Sharon Dawley with some productive minutes off the bench.

**"The way the freshman class has responded this season gives us a lot of confidence going forward."**

Sharon Dawley  
Head Coach

"The freshman class has brought athleticism, talent and a ton of competitiveness to the team this season," Dawley said. "They have given us depth and are doing a great job coming off the bench."

With four graduating seniors, the play of this year's freshmen will be beneficial as the team looks toward next season.

"The way the freshman class has responded this season gives us a lot of confidence going forward," Dawley said. "We can



**BRYANT HUGHES** | The Vermont Cynic  
Freshman Lauren Wheeler reaches for the ball at Patrick Gym. Wheeler is part of the new group of freshmen who will move the team forward.

see a lot of leadership and talent among the newcomers and look forward to them being super sophomores next season."

For now though, the team looks toward the March 4 start of the America East Tournament.

## Sports Shorts

By Diana Giunta

Blakely, Kotsopoulos and Pilypaitis finalists for America East Fans Choice Player of the Year

Senior Marques Blakely of the men's basketball team and seniors Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos of the women's basketball team have been selected as finalists for the America East Fan's Choice Player of the Year award. The men's winner will be announced on March 2 and the women's winner will be announced on March 3.

**Stalberg named Hockey East Rookie of the Week**

Freshman Sebastian Stalberg of the men's hockey team was named the Hockey East Rookie of the Week, for the third time this season. He netted a goal and had two assists against the New Hampshire Wildcats, in the series played Feb. 19 and 20.

**Men's lacrosse falls to Bryant 7-4 in season opener**

Senior Ryan Gillette, junior Derek Lictfuss, sophomore Geoff Worley and freshman Zack Telander all scored in this opening game of the season. Though Gillette and Lictfuss scored with under two minutes left to play in the game it, was not enough and the Catamounts fell to Bryant on the road.

# STUDY IN THE MOST EXCITING, VIBRANT CITY ON EARTH.

## Tel Aviv University Study Abroad Program

### Undergraduate Courses:

- ♦ Middle East Studies
- ♦ Fine Arts Studies
- ♦ Management & Economics
- ♦ Life Sciences

### Graduate Programs:

- ♦ Masters in Middle Eastern History
- ♦ Masters in Conflict Resolution and Mediation
- ♦ TESOL -Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages



www.telavivuniv.org





# Men's basketball prevails in ESPN BracketBuster game

## Balanced offensive attack key in Cats' victory

"When you look at the stat sheet and see four scorers in the double figures, that's great to see."

Mike Lonergan  
Head Coach

By Will Andreycak  
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's basketball team defeated Fairfield University 77-67 at home on Feb. 20 in ESPN's annual BracketBuster series at Patrick Gymnasium.

The BracketBusters match up mid-major teams from across the country that are in the hunt for a NCAA tournament bid. The teams play for a strengthened

come March Madness time, and get the opportunity to be televised on the ESPN family of networks.

The Catamounts led 33-26 at the half with eight points from junior Evan Fjeld and seven from senior Maurice Joseph. The non-conference nature of the game was evident, as there were eight lead changes in the

opening 20 minutes of play as each team tried to familiarize themselves with each other's style of play.

Vermont (21-8) led by as many as 14 points early in the second half before allowing Fairfield (18-9) to battle back with a 12-3 run that cut the Catamounts' lead to one point with just under five minutes to play.

Vermont responded with a run of their own though, scoring the next 10 points to pull away for good and seal the game.

Fjeld led four Catamounts in double figures scoring 17 points and eight rebounds, while Blakely recorded 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

"That was a good game, a fun game to coach and play in with two very good teams," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "Our guys did a good job defensively the whole game and finally made some 3-pointers in the second half."

Another key for the Catamounts' offensive game was the breakout performance of Nick Veir, who scored 14 points and shot 4-5 from beyond the 3-point line.

"I've been a streaky player all my life," Veir said with a grin. "But I got the first two [3-pointers] to go and the third one was a heat check, but I just felt good coming out of the half."

The balance of the offensive attack for the Catamounts was evident, with four players in double figures and bench players providing solid minutes when they were called on.

"Having Nick break out and hit some shots really helped us," Lonergan said. "It makes it much easier for us to win and, when you look at the stat sheet and see four scorers in double figures, that's great to see."

The Catamounts were able to increase their winning streak to seven with the victory over Fairfield.

While winning the ESPN BracketBuster game is a step forward the only way that they will be in the real bracket come March is by winning their conference tournament which will begin March 4 in Hartford, Conn.

# Women's hockey season comes to a disappointing close

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

The women's ice hockey team kicked off their 2009-2010 season strong, beating high-profile teams like Princeton and Clarkson, but their good fortune soon faded and they went on the road to lose 13 games, almost consecutively.

"We were really happy with the way we played from the start of the season through the middle of November," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "But then we had a bit of a downer the last three or four games before Christmas and the first three or four games after Christmas."

Despite being on the road for so long, the team was able to get back on track toward the end.

"We were very happy with the last five or six weeks of the season. We played very well," Bothwell said.

Unfortunately, the team did not qualify for the playoffs, although they came close.

"We were close, again," Bothwell said. "The situation was the same as last year, if we'd had managed to score just a handful more goals, things might be different."

This season was a great success for the incoming freshmen, as well as for the

departing seniors.

"My first season was good. It was a lot of work but it was a good season," freshman Emily Walsh said. "We had a lot of really good games in the end. I'm happy with the way we ended."

"The freshmen all certainly contributed in a significant way," Bothwell said. "Erin Wente, Maggie Walsh [and] Emily Walsh all made very good, solid contributions. I think they were good additions to the team for sure."

The team will be losing five seniors this year.

"They're going to leave a big hole for sure," Bothwell said. "[Kristin] Olychuck was a really good teammate, a great goaltender and an excellent student as well — we'll really miss her."

"Brittany Nelson and Chelsea Furlani — same thing," Bothwell said. "They both contributed on the power play [and] penalty killing — they scored some points for us."

Although they will not be playing in the playoffs, they are optimistic about next season.

"We definitely need to be better but we're making progress every year which is a good thing," Bothwell said.



Sophomore Kailey Nash celebrates with her teammates on the ice at Gutterson Fieldhouse. Though the women's hockey season has ended, the team has an optimistic outlook for the future.

DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

## last week next week

### Women's basketball 02/21

**UVM 67, UMBC 50**  
The team's four seniors, Courtney Pilypaitis, May Kotsopoulos, Sofia Iwobi and Alissa Sheftic all scored in double figures as the team beat an America East foe on Senior Day.

### Women's basketball 02/23

**UVM 64, Stony Brook 49**  
Senior May Kotsopoulos scored 19 points and senior Courtney Pilypaitis got her second consecutive double-double as the team picked up the road win in New York.

### Men's basketball 02/24

**Stony Brook 82, UVM 78**  
The Catamounts fell to 21-9 on the season and 11-4 in America East competition following the loss. The Stony Brook Seawolves secured the top seed in the America East Tournament, which is scheduled to start March 4.

### Tuesday 03/2

**Men's lacrosse @ Colgate 4 p.m.**

### Wednesday 03/3

**Women's lacrosse @ Dartmouth 3 p.m.**

### Friday 03/5

**Men's hockey @ UMass-Lowell 7 p.m.**

### Saturday 03/6

**Men's lacrosse vs. Marist 2 p.m. Moulton Winder Field**

**Men's hockey @ UMass-Lowell 7 p.m.**







**SWING AND A MISS**  
Student body drops the ball on town meeting day

**SHARING MORE THAN SHOTS**  
What you are REALLY getting from a party

**POP REBEL**

Native Vermonter embraces mainstream success

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, March 16, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 21 | Burlington, Vermont

## A new language of rap: Hadag Nahash Page 7



Hadag Nahash's Guy Mar (left) and Sha'anun Streett (right) perform in the Davis Center's Grand Maple Ballroom. The Israeli band was hosted by Hillel and the Israeli Consulate of New England, among others.

## "Got Your Back" falls on its face

Rights Forum illuminates problems on campus

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Amidst questions of room searches, probable cause and police warrants, inconsistencies in the "Got Your Back" protocol sparked debate at the Student Rights Forum on March 3.

The "Got Your Back" policy is in place to provide those who are intoxicated with an opportunity to receive medical attention without being penalized. However, some students say this is not the reality.

"If you are intoxicated to the point where you need medical help, you want to be able to get that help without worrying about [whether or not] you're going to have documentation or a police report," Erik Graham, director of Student Advocacy

said.

It's meant to protect the students, which is a great thing to have at the University — but its not being used properly, Graham said.

You can't find the regulations for "Got Your Back" protocol because it is not a policy, and it is not listed in the policy guidebook, he said.

Furthermore, it is very difficult to understand, Graham said.

Although many students know that they have to state that it's a "Got Your Back" call, they are unaware that they will receive a follow-up e-mail, Troy Headrick, assistant director for the Center of Student Ethics and Standards (CSES), said.

It is necessary for the CSES to ensure that it was a "Got Your

see Got Your Back on page 3

## Senators speak up, elect new Speaker

By Pat Tyler and Amanda Hayward  
Staff Writer and Cynic Correspondent

Following a sudden resignation, the SGA's Speaker of the Senate seat has been filled by Senator Julia Michel.

The senators voted unanimously to make Michel the next Speaker of the Senate, after Senator Ana Dru Ellis resigned due to family issues just before spring break.

"There's a lot going on for me right now, and I can't be as focused and as attentive and offer all I can to this body," Ellis said. "And that's not what's best for our student body either."

Because the resignation was not planned and came mid-semester, there was some confusion over proper procedure.

According to the SGA constitution, in the event that the speaker resigns, the vice president fulfills the duties of the speaker.

However, some senators said they weren't comfortable with Vice President Kate Ash filling the role of speaker.

"It wouldn't be right for Vice President Ash to split herself between two positions," Senator Brandon John-Freso said.

Other senators said that they agreed.

"Now that we don't have a speaker, it is our duty to elect a new one," Senator Mike Glynne said.

After deliberation, the senate went into executive session to vote Michel in.

Senator Michel said that she feels confident taking over the position.

"This isn't a resumé thing," she said. "I feel that the position of Speaker needs to be filled and that I would do a good job of doing that."

Senators said they are confident that they made the right decision.

"I think it's a great decision and I support it," Senator Tyler-Willkinson-Ray said.

Ash said she agreed.

"I feel perfectly comfortable passing the buck to senator Michel," she said. "I have no qualms about her taking that position."

## Students raise concerns about UVM

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

The list of questions seemed endless as students gathered to express their concerns about the University at SGA's Town Meeting Day on March 2.

Students were particularly concerned about faculty evaluations and overcrowded classrooms.

SGA is strongly pushing to make faculty evaluations visible to students, SGA President Bryce Jones said.

Instead of popular websites like RateMyProfessors.com, where students go to research professors' popularity, Jones and the SGA committee want students to be able to see how faculty are performing through the University's resources.

"SGA is still facing hesitation on this particular matter," he said.

SGA senator Jeremiah Church said there has also been an increasing growth in class sizes.

"The student to faculty ratio has gone from 13-1 in 2001 to 17-1 in 2009," he said.

Even though senior nursing student Kate Rooney said she generally has the same class sizes every year, she feels that shrinking the size of classes is



ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic

SGA President Bryce Jones and other senators host Town Meeting Day. Students discussed overcrowding and professor evaluations.

important issue to address.

"We're paying so much money to go here, and having smaller classes can allow us to get more attention in the classroom and therefore get a more quality educational experience all around," she said.

SGA is also trying to push the administration to have a more inclusive process for the budget, Jones said.

"We're keeping Richard Cate, Vice President of Finance and Administration, close in the budget updates," he said.

The Board of Trustees has asked the administration to look

further into the financial model and address the fact that it's broken, Jones said.

"We're hopeful that administration will look into different avenues for funding," he said.

Although the University has encountered some struggles, Jones said that the close relationship that SGA has been maintaining with the Board of Trustees has allowed them to see success toward establishing new goals.

Church said he is unsure of

see SGA on page 2

INDEX NEWS 1-3 — OPINION 4-5 — FEATURE 6 — ARTS 7 — LIFE 8-9 — DISTRACTIONS/COMICS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com





HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Freshman Ben Duffy (left) and sophomore Max Kravitz (right) improvise playing music at the Living/Learning Program Fair. Programs old and new set up tables to encourage new and returning students to apply.

## L/L program fair brings in a crowd

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Students who wish they could live in the world of Harry Potter can now get a little closer to their dream.

New L/L program Hogwarts House for Muggles is one of the many new options for students to call home this next fall, sophomore program director Hilarie Santiago said at this year's L/L program fair.

"We compare the Harry Potter paradigm of the Wizarding world to the real world," Santiago said as passers-by engaged in wizarding duels.

The Fireplace Lounge was packed March 4 as programs, old and new, tried to recruit new members.

"This fair has gotten bigger and crazier than ever this year," Monique Wright, L/L

leadership coordinator, said.

Students scrambled for tie-dye and neon cupcakes at the table for the new program, Cakes With a Cause.

"We are giving cakes to needy families as well as learning to bake alternative cakes like vegan and diabetic," freshman program director Annie Wright said.

Wright's co-program director, freshman Erin Anna Smith said the process of getting their program approved was difficult.

"It was a lot of work to design the program but it is definitely worth it once you get your program, because you make it into just what you want," Smith said.

Sophomore Hannah Brosnan, program director for the new Theatre Suite, agreed.

"We started this program

because there wasn't one. We are both theatre majors and we didn't know why there hadn't been one before," Brosnan said.

"These programs are all so different," Wright said.

Another new program is Neighborhood Relations: Uniting the Communities, proposed by freshman Mackey Landy.

"It is all about getting students more involved in the Burlington communities," Landy said.

Active Minds: Destigmatizing Mental Health, the Arabic House and the House of Cards and Magic are also new, bringing new programs to a total of 7 out of 44, according to the L/L website.

"There are so many great programs," freshman Danielle Couture said. "It is too bad that you can't be in more than one."

## Multiracial students speak out on campus



Illustration by Patrick Tracey

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

The question of racial identity isn't always black and white.

Multiracial students on campus say that struggle for identity extends beyond stereotypes and name mispronunciations, according to the four student panelists who spoke on behalf of UVM's multicultural students at Harris/Millis.

"Since I came to UVM, I've become confused about my racial identity," senior Tania Khartabil said. "I don't feel authentic anymore."

The panelists all shared this feeling and expressed similar frustration in constantly being culturally labeled without acknowledgement of their mixed identity.

"There are a lot of prerequisites focusing on race [at UVM]," panelist Fredrika Wade said. "It really makes you address that you are a minority and it solidifies that you're one of the 'other.'"

While the panelists said they agreed that communication is necessary to combat the negative connotations that some people associate with being multiracial, the infamous and insensitive "what are you?" question continues to create uneasiness.

"I think there is an undertone of racist sentiments just because so many of the students are white," Wade said. "They don't have a lot of experience with a multicultural population."

Panelist junior Luke Clemmons said he's heard the word "n---er" 13 times in casual conversation this year alone, mostly off campus, without

the speaker recognizing it as offensive.

"It wasn't directed at anyone," Clemmons said. "It was white kids talking among other white kids, so they think no one will take offense."

"Ignorance is not an excuse," he said.

UVM is 92 percent white, and Vermont as a whole is 98 percent white, so there is certainly a normative culture at work, but recent publicity has got people starting to recognize a multiracial presence, Clemmons said.

"There is a complete lack of diversity on campus," sophomore Cassie Jenis said. "It creates an 'other' among students on campus."

People have called her "mutt" thinking it was an acceptable term for a multiracial person, unlike "mongrel" which has obvious derogatory connotations, Wade said.

"People can be so hurtful," Wade said. "They don't know how hard it can be."

Instances of discrimination do happen, and this is something they have to live with, but thankfully these moments are few and far between, they said.

The Multiracial Students Organization, which was started last semester, hopes to lend support to those students who want to discuss their identity and the impact it has on their lives.

It's a step toward recognizing we are a distinct minority group, but it would be nice to get our own letter in ALANA, Wade said.

Despite some obstacles, the students said they were proud of their identity.

"If I wasn't biracial, I wouldn't be the person I am," Clemmons said.

## SGA | SGA hosts forum for students

...continued from page 1

the University's goal to become more research-based.

"How does research affect undergraduate education, and is that the goal we want?" he said.

Expenditures on research and growth in the Masters and doctoral programs have been a key element in growing UVM's reputation and perceived value, according to a 2004 report by

PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"Undergraduates need instruction and graduates need research, or at least that's the traditional breakdown, and professors only have so much time and skill," Church said. "So there's a competition for professors — grads want more research professors, undergrads want professors who know how to teach and inspire."

# Summer Arts at UVM



Study in beautiful Vermont this summer. With UVM's intensive training courses in Musical Theatre, West African Drumming, Argentine Tango, Latin Jazz, Photography and Sculpture, you can immerse yourself in the arts, while living a short walk from downtown Burlington's cultural attractions! Learn from renowned faculty, including

Circle in the Square's Bill Reed, respected percussionist Jeremy Cohen, acclaimed artist Corin Hewitt, celebrated composer Arturo O'Farrill and professional dancer Elizabeth Seyler. Undergrads, grads, and post-bacs welcome!

Register today and take advantage of the 15% Summer '10 Tuition Savings at [uvm.edu/summer/uvm](http://uvm.edu/summer/uvm).



Reasons for you to Think Summer U

\* Online classes

\* UVM credits

\* Four summer sessions

\* Housing available

\* Special interest programs

\* Graduate on time

\* Smaller class sizes

Catch up. Get ahead. Save 15%.

The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT  
SUMMER UNIVERSITY

Think Summer U



# Greeks have warm hearts despite cold weather

## Kappa Sigma stays out all night raising money for wounded soldiers

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

While most people were in their warm beds during the snowstorm on Friday, Feb. 26, Kappa Sigma brothers were out in the freezing snow.

The fraternity kicked off "Sleepout for the Soldiers," a 24-hour charity event, at 5 p.m. with roadside collections and hot chocolate and food for sale.

"[The] sleepout was a huge success and we will be donating \$2,000 to the Kappa Sigma Military Heroes Fund," Kappa Sigma President Peter Andriakos said.

The fund supports the Fischer House Foundation, an organization that sets up rehabilitation centers for wounded soldiers, Andriakos said.

"In Vermont, not everyone supports the war — myself included — but it's inevitable, and the soldiers are coming back wounded and they need rehabilitation," he said. "No matter what your views are, you can't downplay the fact that they need our help."

UVM's chapter of Kappa Sigma was not the only Greek life organization participating in the event, Andriakos said.

"All 33 UVM brothers, 30 brothers from UMaine and 25 from SUNY Plattsburgh's colony are all coming to help," he said.

Furthermore, other UVM sororities made and donated baked goods that were sold throughout the event, Andriakos said.

"We have gotten a lot of donations from so many organizations, it's been really great," he said.

Donators included Boloco, Klingers Bread for grilled cheese and pastries and Ace Hardware for industrial lights to set up for the darker hours of the event, he



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Members of Kappa Sigma cheer for donations on the side of Main Street on Feb. 27 after spending a night outside in the cold. The fraternity raised over \$2,000 with the help of other fraternities and sororities in the area.

said.

During the day on Saturday was the busiest time because of all of the people headed down to the Mardi Gras parade, senior Kappa Sigma member Andrew Kleppe said.

"It is perfect that we did this during Mardi Gras because we are getting some heavy, heavy traffic at this light which is backing up everyone so we can ask them for donations," Kleppe said. "The cars know what to do when they pull and we are really

getting a lot of money."

Sophomore Nicole Fenton said she is concerned that many students who would have been interested in donating didn't because of a lack of publicizing.

"I think that it sounds like it was a really good way to support our troops, I wish I had known about it so I could have donated," Fenton said. "I didn't notice any signs around campus or anything."

Regardless of publicity, Andriakos said the event was a

success.

"We just had a great response from the Burlington population with the roadside coin drops," he said. "Everyone is really happy about Mardi Gras as well as supporting the military, and we are just really proud of our guys that came out today."

Kappa Sigma's former President Greg Swank said he hopes this event can fight stereotypes that all fraternities do is cause trouble and party.

"I just wish that they could

see the sorts of activities, just like Sleepout, that we actually do for the community," Swank said. "The vast majority of the population of college students, and UVM is no exception, never do a single hour of community service throughout their matriculation. Every one of my brothers just volunteered for 24 hours."

## GOT YOUR BACK | Vague policy causing concerns among the students it is supposed to help



ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic

Panelists discuss students' rights during a forum hosted by IRA and the SGA. Students focused on the "Got Your Back" policy protocol.

...continued from page 1

Back" call, because information could be lost in the chaos of a crazy night, Headrick said.

**"It was set up as a one-time thing: get the person some help, and hopefully it will stay always a one-time thing... It's not 'got your back for life.'"**

Annie Stevens

Assistant Vice President for Student and Campus Life

"It doesn't always show up in the report," he said.

The lack of clarity in the protocol could result in a lack of awareness of student rights, IRA President Lucy Croft said.

"A lot of the first-year students are not really trained in what 'Got Your Back' is because the RAs themselves aren't ever trained specifically in what 'Got Your Back' is," Graham said.

Students aren't choosing to use the protocol because of negative feedback surrounding "Got Your Back," he said.

"They hear the stories of 'my friend called 'Got Your Back' and he still got suspended,' and things like that will not make the policy usable by students because they don't see it as effective at all," he said.

This University's biggest fear is that students would take advantage of the protocol and plan to party and use it excessively, he said.

"It was set up as a one-time thing: get the person some help, and hopefully it will stay always a one-time thing. You shouldn't be putting yourself in harms way to that degree," Annie Stevens, assistant vice president for Student and Campus Life, said. "It's not 'got your back for life.'"

Graham's concern about the one-time use policy is that students will be hesitant to use their one opportunity, taking a possibly fatal chance, he said.

"The 'Got Your Back' policy [is] meant to really help the students, but because of its inconsistencies, students are saving it up for that one time that they are really drunk," he said.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palemino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News), Will  
Andreycek (Sports), Jason  
Scott (Copy)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Matthew  
Kuperman, Danielle Bilotta

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Swing and a miss

On March 1, our SGA held the first-ever UVM town meeting. This year was the first time classes haven't been cancelled for Town Meeting Day. The SGA's meeting was a response to the University's decision.

Most out-of-state upperclassmen remember Town Meeting Day as that random day in March where they didn't have to go to class. For people from Vermont however, this day is a tradition that they have been a part of for most of their lives.

Town meetings are mainly unique to Vermont and a few other New England states. They are a true staple of the democratic process and an important tool for setting a town's agenda and budget for the upcoming year.

The University used to cancel classes on this day so students and faculty that lived in Vermont could go to their respective meetings. This year they decided that if students and faculty wanted to go, they could just skip classes for the day.

The SGA responded by calling a town meeting of their own.

And it was a complete bust.

However, the SGA, who set up an efficient system to make sure all questions were answered and everything went smoothly, was not responsible for this failure.

The failure was on the hands of the student body — only about 30 of them attended on March 3.

This turnout is simply unacceptable. At the meeting, important topics such as quality of education, tuition costs and SGA accomplishments were discussed.

The meeting was a valuable resource for students who wanted to know exactly what the University's goals were and also how the SGA was making student concerns known to people who can make a difference.

Conversation was spirited amongst the small group that was in attendance.

However, many people at the meeting appeared to have similar thoughts on many of the issues, so there was very little differing of opinion.

Had more students cared to attend, they would have had many of their questions about the SGA and the University answered. There wouldn't be any more questions like, "Where does my tuition come from?" and "What the hell is the SGA and why do I need them?"

The SGA put on a town meeting to prove to the administration that UVM's students care enough to attend their own town meetings and legitimize a school holiday.

Nevertheless, the student body dropped the ball.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"HE CAN'T REMEMBER ANY GOOD TIMES, BIRTHDAY PARTIES, CHRISTMAS — ANY EVENT."**

— David Butler, speaking about his brother who was permanently disabled by a police taser.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).



## COLUMNISTS



ZACH DESPART

## Meet in the middle

Polarization is the enemy of democracy. It is because our elected leaders refuse to compromise that Congress has an abysmally low approval rating — a 2008 Gallup poll put it at 18 percent.

Partisanship in government in New York is so profound that it paralyzed the state legislature for a month last summer and continues to prevent the body from passing any effective legislation still.

There isn't a single party to blame here.

Democrats are quick to bemoan Republican senators for threatening to filibuster and for placing blanket holds on appointments, yet they exercised the same tactics while they were in the minority — Democrats used the filibuster 54 times in the 109th Congress, and both Diane

Feinstein, D-Calif., and Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., both placed holds on legislation.

Yes, the GOP has recently become the "Party of No," initially balking at an opportunity to discuss health care with the president and Democratic leadership, then criticizing the president's compromises as "not enough."

It is frankly embarrassing that Congress isn't unified behind even the most humanitarian and non-political issues.

A bill introduced by Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., that would prevent defense contracts from going to companies that don't allow their employees to sue them, which was drafted after a female employee of KBR/Halliburton, who was raped by co-workers, was denied the right to litigate, received 30 nay votes — all from Republicans.

Is protecting the rights of rape victims not above the political fray?

Congress has lost the faith of the people, and rightfully so. A room full of fourth graders could maintain better decorum.

Rep. Joe Wilson's outburst at the president's speech last October was a more public example of the middle school playground that is the United States House of

Representatives.

I watched part of the floor debate the Affordable Health Care for America Act on C-SPAN. As the Democrats held the floor and attempted to wrap up debate in order to move to a vote, they were interrupted every five seconds — and that's not an overstatement — by Republicans shouting "Mr. Speaker!" and "point of order!" until being gavelled into silence.

In order to succeed, a democracy relies on citizens' ability to compromise. A functioning democracy is slow to adapt and change, a dysfunctional one grinds governing to a halt. This isn't an issue that only plagues the federal government, as the New York episode illustrates.

It is easy to take a partisan swing. It's hard to reach across the aisle and say "let's work this out."

Lyndon Johnson said of himself "I'm a compromiser and a maneuverer. I try to get something. That's the way our system works."

Polarized politics are ruining democracy in the middle. All we have to do is meet somewhere in the middle.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

**ADVERTISING**  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# The decriminalization debacle



MAX KRIEGER

The residents of Montpelier are currently being urged via petition to introduce legislation that would decriminalize marijuana.

If this resolution continues to the state legislature, there is a high chance that the illicit drug will become decriminalized in all of Vermont.

This move toward reform will not only please the paranoid users of Vermont, but it will also relieve much of the stress placed upon the local judicial systems due to marijuana-related arrests.

Instead of a lengthy judicial hearing, a criminal record and even jail time, those caught with less than an ounce of marijuana would receive a fine

of \$100 and a slap on the wrist.

According to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, marijuana laws cost Americans \$7.6 billion in taxes every year. This statistic includes costs of police, hearings, incarceration and the war on drugs.

Now that certain states have decriminalized the drug, they are witnessing the drop in the costs associated with marijuana-related arrests.

At this point, many are even asking, why not legalize it in general? This is where the true debate arises.

On the surface, the issue seems obvious: Solve debt by taxing sales, make it safer by regulating how it is grown and produced and educate on how to use it or avoid it safely.

Regrettably, the issue is not that clear cut. At what age should marijuana use be allowed? Where is it appropriate to smoke, and is second-hand smoke an issue?

The largest question standing in the way of legalization is how to regulate intoxication.

Because there is no current

method of testing for the immediate concentration of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, in the bloodstream or body, there is no way to test if someone is too high to drive.

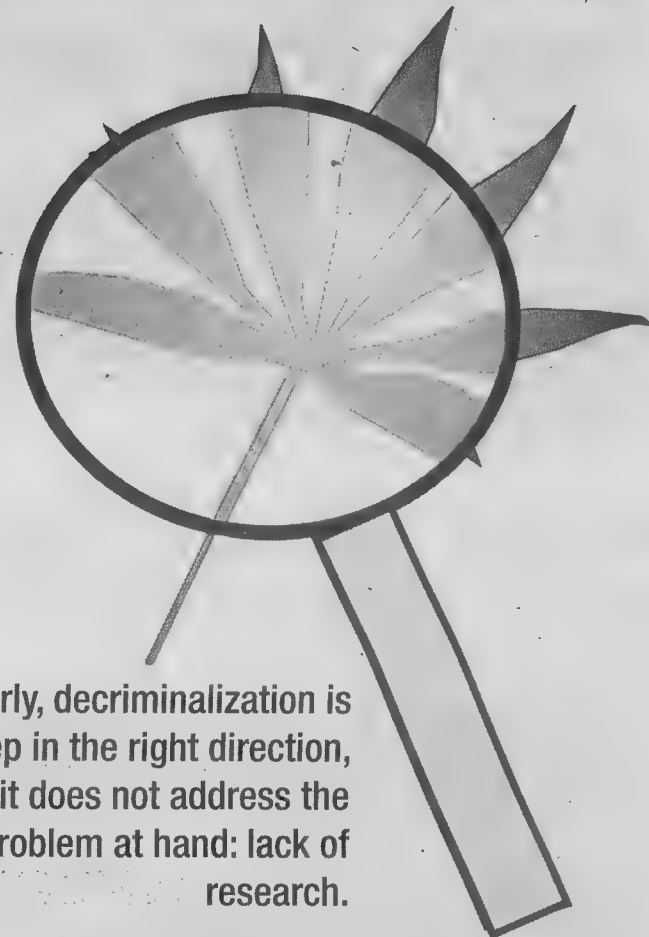
Clearly, decriminalization is a step in the right direction, but it does not address the true problem at hand: lack of research.

As with tobacco and alcohol, an incredibly large amount of research has been done concerning their effects and how to make them safer to consume.

With little to no unbiased, government-funded research on marijuana, roadblocks such as these are standing in the way of not just legalizing the drug, but the billions of dollars in tax revenue and education possibilities available.

For years, the government has ignored the possibility that marijuana may not in fact be pure evil and that it may even be able to help people.

Although Vermont may soon be taking a large step toward changing public opinion and state law regarding the drug, the United States as a



**Clearly, decriminalization is a step in the right direction, but it does not address the true problem at hand: lack of research.**

whole must realize the truth.

Marijuana is here to stay and instead of wasting money on fighting a lost cause, the federal government and the American people need to

learn to get along with it, one way or another.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

## ¿Qué dijo?

I hate television, but when I watch it I pay attention.

So there I was, watching television, paying attention, when suddenly a commercial comes on entirely in Spanish. I was a little confused; I quickly checked to see if I had hit the SAP button by accident.

I hadn't.

Now, this commercial wasn't about some new Spanish restaurant in town, or about a Spanish resort, or about anything even remotely close to Spain, Mexico or the large handful of other countries that speak Spanish.

It was a commercial for the U.S. Military.

Now, the content of the commercial really isn't the issue here. Really, it could have been a commercial for Corn Flakes or BF Goodwrench for all I care. However, what struck me as I was watching this commercial is who exactly was benefiting from it, and moreover, why a commercial broadcast in the U.S. was dubbed in Spanish.

Is it really feasible —

may — is it even acceptable to broadcast bilingual commercials in the U.S.?

This is my dilemma:

If we were to cross the border into Canada, we could find some signs in English. Even some commercials. Travel to many other countries, specifically through their transportation systems, and you'll find signs in a plethora of languages.

So why not in the U.S.?

The issue at hand for me, however, has less to do with the language of the commercial than with its intended audience, because there are those who believe this country is being invaded by immigrants.

**Many Americans are intolerant of immigrants when many of those same American families began with a simple step off a boat into a new land.**

I say this ideology is pure bollocks.

Those who do believe this, unless they are Native American, must be so completely ignorant about American heritage that they forget they are immigrants! For centuries "Americans" flooded this country from every corner

of the world, making this country what it now is today: arrogant, passé and afraid of change.

Some of our grandparents may still be racist when it could have been their grandparents or great-grandparents who bought into slavery to begin with.

Many Americans are intolerant of immigrants when many of those same American families began with a simple step off a boat into a new land.

I think many Americans forget that while this country may be "ours," in a way, it really isn't.

If history has taught us anything, it's that the dominant society will always come out on top and, while I may firmly believe every citizen should become fluent in English, tolerance of other cultures and languages is key to the survival of a civil civilization.

So in the end, will we make this country tolerant and accepting? Will we see commercials for IHOPs and iPods in Spanish one day? Or will we turn a blind eye to history and deny our own heritage while denying the heritage of future Americans?

Honestly, I hope this country sees more bilingual commercials.

Who knows, we may even begin to culture ourselves in the process.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Fanatics, not cowards.

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter written by Michael Farley: I do not support the Islamic militant groups our government has termed "terrorists," but it is inappropriate to call them cowards.

They are religious fanatics.

Their regime was oppressive and perpetrated unspeakable acts upon the Afghani population. Regardless, it is unfair to call their tactics cowardly without calling our military's tactics the same.

You call it cowardice when terrorists hide in desert bunkers, but what do you call it when our troops hide inside multi-million dollar bases?

If terrorists are "unseen, cowardly enemies who play the game of war from hidden bunkers and unreachable rooftops," what do you call our troops sitting in padded chairs, literally playing the game of war by controlling an unmanned bombing drone with a joystick?

We are the "schoolyard bully throwing rocks from the safety of a high tree branch."

You label their leaders cowards because they send audiotapes from "some bunker buried in the desert." Meanwhile, our oh-so-brave leaders make speeches from a different continent, where they

are protected from the terrorist "threat" by the world's most powerful military.

At least their leaders reside on the same continent as the conflict.

If Taliban did come out of their caves and say, "Here we are, come get us," no bravery would be shown in a firefight.

A missile launched from an unseen location would blow them away like ants. Taliban propaganda is 40 virgins in heaven. Commercials depicting Marines slaying evil dragons are propaganda.

"They think that if they can just keep attacking us — while hiding themselves from any repercussions — eventually we'll just pack up and go home." It is clear, however, that the terrorists, along with civilian populations, often suffer the repercussions of their attacks and take casualties.

Unfortunately, the insurgency is strong outside and inside of Afghanistan. Attacks against U.S. forces will continue unless we either make creative, intelligent and drastic strategy changes, or pack up and go home as others have before.

As Peter Ustinov said, "Terrorism is the war of the poor, and war is the terrorism of the rich."

Sincerely,  
Jonathon Weber  
UVM Freshman



# Is your weekend making you sick?

## A look at the health hazards of your Friday night

By Julia Wejchert  
Senior Staff Writer

On any given weekend, students attend parties in cramped apartments and basements. But games like beer pong and offhand sexual trysts could have greater consequences than a hangover and some regret.

From sharing cups to hooking up, parties are a common place to spread germs and catch an illness.

"At a party there probably two things operative — people are pretty closely packed in and also if there are activities going on where people are sharing glasses or shots [germs are spread]," Director of the Center for Health and Wellbeing Dr. Jon Porter said.

In 2008, it was reported that beer pong could spread Herpes simplex 1. While, according to the Center for Disease Control, these reports were a hoax, there are still a number of diseases that can be spread at parties.

"All of the things we see [at the health center] — respiratory illnesses, mono, strep throat, all the way to more serious things such as pneumonia and things — can be spread that way," Porter said.

Students recognize that the close contact with others and lack of sleep that weekends often entail can have serious health concerns.

"My weekend is definitely making me sick," sophomore Gina Galvagni said.

One way that partying spreads germs is through shared cups. Sharing cups is unsanitary, and students undoubtedly know this.

"[With friends] we all share the same shot glasses pretty much, but with strangers I wouldn't," sophomore Brittany Smith said.

However, it's easy to ignore this fact when playing popular drinking games such as beer pong.

"I think students realize that there

is the potential to catch something nasty from sharing a drink with another person," sophomore resident advisor Hannah Hinsley, who created a bulletin board about beer pong and germs in her hall, said.

"However, it's another thing to have the path of the pong ball described — from the floor with all the dirt and shoes to people's hands that haven't been washed."

Furthermore, when students go out, germs are not usually a top concern.

"Worry [about getting sick] when I go out? No," Galvagni said. "Do I think about it after? Yes."

Hookups are another way that illness can spread in social situations.

"Taking precautions to make sexual contact safe [is important] — being familiar with the people you're with," Porter said.

If you don't know the name of that random kid that you fooled around with last weekend, you probably don't know whether or not he had anything from strep throat to syphilis.

It is estimated that one in four college students has a sexually transmitted disease, according to Stanford University's Sexual Health Resource Center.

"College campuses notoriously have populations of individuals that engage in lots of sexual activity and high-risk behavior. When you put those together, it's not surprising that these [high] statistics [of STDs] are present in the population," President of the Sexual Health Awareness Group at Cornell University Zoe Belkin, in a 2008 article from *The Cornell Daily Sun*, said.

Between these multiple ways of

swapping spit, germs are spread and many people do get sick.

There is a noticeable trend of people coming into the health center after nights out, Porter said.

"On weekends we see the fallout from when students aren't able to keep their judgment as good as it can be," Porter said. "It's part of the landscape here on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays."

Students see the fallout as well.

"One of my friends has gotten sick three of three weekends [from] going out," Galvagni said. "She's sick by Tuesday every week."

However, not all students agree that going out assuredly leads to sickness.

"They have a better chance [of getting sick,] but I don't think they get sick just from going out — unless you count a hangover as sick," Smith said.

Students will surely continue to go out despite the health risks. However, some precautions can be taken.

Hinsley's board offered practical advice for the health threats of beer pong.

"Don't play beer pong — I feel like that's an obvious solution," Hinsley said.

"[If you are going to play], don't share cups and don't drink anything that's come in contact with the ball ... just think about where that thing's been," she said.

Dr. Porter offered some more general suggestions.

"I do think it's a fact of life, the germs are around, they are opportunistic," Porter said.

"It doesn't mean we don't go [out] in social situations," he said. "We just keep our judgment clear."



Illustration by Andrew Becker

### Some facts to consider, from the Center of Health and Wellbeing

- 6-8 cases of strep pharyngitis per month
- 6-8 cases of mononucleosis per month
- 70 visits to the Student Health Center on average per day, the majority of which are for contagious viral illnesses
- In the past 12 months, there have been 137 cases of strep throat and 75 cases of mononucleosis





# Vermont singer/songwriter "speaks" lyrically

## Jer Coons rebels against Burlington sound with pop

By Colin Driscoll  
Staff Writer

At the end of his set at Higher Ground on Feb. 19, Jer Coons played a song as a tribute to a recently deceased musician and one of his strongest influences.

In honor of Michael Jackson, he covered "I Want You Back" by the Jackson 5 with a unique twist. A drum beat was added to give the song a more techno, contemporary feel than its original '60s sound.

It might be unheard of in Burlington, where most local musicians are influenced by bands such as The Grateful Dead and Phish. However, Coons is not ashamed of his preference to play more mainstream music.

"It defies geography," Coons said. "Playing pop music was rebellious here."

While growing up in

Middlebury, Coons was exposed to the early Beatles by his parents at a young age. He played in a pop-punk band during high school and played the trumpet in the school band.

Unsure of which direction to go after high school, Coons decided to major in music management at Manhattanville College in New York.

When he wasn't satisfied after one year, he moved back to Vermont. It was then that he decided to pursue a full-time career as a solo musician.

"It's such a gamble," Coons said. "But at the same time, it's such a combination of being naïve and overconfident."

Now 21, Coons lives in Burlington and just released his debut album, "Speak," last September. One single from the album, "Legs," plays in Hollister

stores in the U.S.

In between his songs at his concerts, Coons often makes jokes in order to keep the crowd entertained. The subjects range from mundane events in his past week to an acoustic performance of dance-pop artist Ke\$ha's hit single "Tik Tok."

Coons' vocal style has been compared to singer/songwriter Jason Mraz by music industry website Kings of A&R.

Coons maintained that he simply aims to entertain everyone, no matter their age.

"The soccer moms who bring their 13-year-old daughters to see me get as much out of my music as their kids do," he said.

Now with his musical career blossoming, Coons has begun to tour nationwide. In spite of this however, Vermont will always be home to him.



ANDRE MALERBA | The Vermont Cynic  
Vermont native Jer Coons plays a set at Higher Ground on Feb. 19. Coons entertained the crowd with a mix of humor and pop rock.

"I love Vermont," he said. "The vibe here is so progressive-minded. I couldn't imagine being home anywhere else."

As for whether he will stick

with the life of a musician, he's not sure, but he does know one thing: "The second you see me unhappy, you won't see me with a guitar," Coons said.

### Role Models Wanted

YMCA Camp Abnaki, a boys-only resident and day camp in North Hero, VT, seeks responsible staff for our summer camp programs. Staff receive a week of training in youth development, behavior management, group leadership, and much more. Positions are salaried and include room and board. Positions are for 9 or 10 weeks, from June 13/20-August 21.

Available positions include:

- Male Cabin Counselors
- Assistant Waterfront Director
- Sailing Program Coordinator
- Arts & Crafts Prog. Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant



For more information, visit [www.campabnaki.org](http://www.campabnaki.org), email Jeremy at [jplane@yvmca.org](mailto:jplane@yvmca.org), or stop by our table at the UVM Job Fair on March 24.

A program of the Greater Burlington YMCA



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic  
Hadag Nahash performs in the Davis Center's Grand Maple Ballroom on Feb. 25. Hillel co-hosted the band with UVM Program Board, SA Concerts, Student Life and the Israeli Consulate of New England.

# Provocative hip-hop act Hadag Nahash packs Davis Center

## Israeli band brings culture to the Grand Maple

By Colin Driscoll  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 25, Hadag Nahash transformed the Grand Maple Ballroom into an Israeli rock club. While most of the crowd of UVM students did not know Hebrew, that didn't stop them from rocking out to the music of this Israeli hip-hop/funk band.

The seven-piece band, popular in Israel and performing in Vermont for the first time, gained international attention after one of their songs was featured in "You Don't Mess With the Zohan," starring Adam Sandler.

After nearly a four-year hiatus, they have released their sixth album and are currently on a world tour.

Lead singer Sha'an

Streit first became inspired to produce rap music when he started listening to Snoop Dogg. Eventually, he started writing his own music in Hebrew — but this music was different than the typical rap in the western world.

"We don't sing about bitches and hoes," saxophonist Shlomi Alon said.

The name Hadag Nahash is an anagram for Nadag Hadash, meaning "new driver." New drivers in Israel are required to put a sign saying this on the back of their car to warn other drivers. The band decided to name their band something similar as a joke, to confuse people.

Hadag Nahash's music is upbeat and pop-oriented, calling comparisons to American bands such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band also includes

elements of traditional Hebrew music.

Most of the band's music deals with political issues within their home country of Israel. This includes the increasing amount of violence between the region's various ethnic and religious groups.

Hadag Nahash's music has gotten them in trouble with the Israeli government on multiple occasions.

In one instance, the band was barred from performing for Israeli soldiers at the border of Lebanon during the 2006 Hezbollah crisis. The government believed that their songs were too provocative and sent an inappropriate sentiment to the military.

"We are mainstream," Alon said, "but we are controversial."

## Campus REHABGYM

### Physical Therapy in Burlington

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGym is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

**Maria Thibault, PT, ATC**, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGym.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.



# 15 days of New Years with a twist



**DAMIR ALISA** | The Vermont Cynic  
Mr. Chen, a performer at the AFH Chinese New Year celebration, plays his bello. Mr. Chen invented the instrument himself.

## Chinese students share customs with a diverse housing community in Colchester

By **Natalie DiBlasio**  
Asst. News Editor

Mr. Chen held a bow to the four-stringed mahogany instrument that he invented himself.

Most students here have never seen anything like the bello, let alone the celebration that followed.

Mr. Chen and the homemade music maker were the featured performance of this year's Chinese New Year Celebration at UVM's Apartment and Family Housing (AFH) on Feb. 27.

The Chinese Student Union, in conjunction with AFH, hosts the event annually, Angel Orsini, coordinator for Community Development Apartments and Family Housing, said.

At the event, attendees learned to make rice dumplings called Yuanxiao, won gifts for English riddles and learned to write their names in Chinese, Orsini said.

"Here in the states it is New Year's, in China its 15 days [of celebration] and it wraps up in Yuanxiao," he said.

"It has been one of the largest cultural events up at AFH, we generally get up to 100 people," Orsini said.

According to the UVM website, AFH — located in Colchester — serves student families, same-sex couples, single graduate students, single non-traditional undergraduate students and single upper class undergraduates.

AFH houses individuals from 33 different countries, Assistant Director for AFH Sharon Pitterson-Ogladez said.

"I believe it is the most diverse living area at UVM," she said. "In fact I believe it is the most diverse place at UVM period."

The Chinese students are a large group at AFH, she said. "They are always so involved and interested in what is going on — we really love having them."

Saint Michael's student Xiaoyu Hu said that she finds the people here to be very nice.

"When I am in China people may never smile at me, but here as soon as you have eye contact, everyone smiles and says, 'Hi,'" she said.

Hu said she really enjoyed the event and the opportunity to celebrate.

"We plan this event every year to celebrate Chinese culture," she said. "We all work together to make this event so we can share our culture with people from all over the world."

### Facts about the Chinese New Year

- This year is the year of the Tiger.
- Chinese New Year is a 15-day celebration.
- Jiaozi dumplings are one of the most popular foods during the celebration.
- Most people get the week off for the celebration in China.

## UVM 2010 SPRING CAREER WEEK

WEEKLY RESUME CLINIC - MONDAYS 4PM-5PM - LIVING/LEARNING E-166

### CAREER NETWORKING NIGHT



### JOB FAIR

Connect with UVM alumni who work in Vermont!



**TUESDAY, MARCH 23**  
6:00PM - 8:30PM  
**GRAND MAPLE BALLROOM**  
**DAVIS CENTER**

Register at [uvm.edu/career](http://uvm.edu/career)

Represented industries:

Public Relations  
Marketing  
Finance

Law  
Human Resources  
Media

Government  
Engineering  
Healthcare

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**

**2:00PM TO 5:00PM**

**GRAND MAPLE BALLROOM**

**DAVIS CENTER**

**PROFESSIONAL DRESS!**

For accommodations please call Career Services at 802-656-3450 or email [career.services@uvm.edu](mailto:career.services@uvm.edu)

# Career Services

Imagine. Explore. Prepare.



# Stories straight from Haiti

US Army Lieutenant Colonel provides insight on post-earthquake crisis

By Hayley Johnson  
Editor-in-Chief

The earthquake in Haiti has effected many in the United States — some far more than others.

Jozy M. Smarth — a native Haitian, nurse and Lieutenant Colonel for the U.S. Army — has been providing support for Haitians after the military diverted her to Haiti on her way to tour in Afghanistan.

She is currently acting as liaison between the military and the hospitals, and as the evacuation coordinator for USNS Comfort Hospital Ship and other local hospitals.

Despite inconsistent lines of communication, Smarth spared a few moments to share her experiences with *The Vermont Cynic* and give us a personal update on the situation in Haiti.

**The Vermont Cynic:** Why were you selected to go to Haiti to help with relief?

**Jozy M. Smarth:** I was hand-selected to come to Haiti with the 82nd Airborne Division, because of my background. I was born and raised, until age 12, in Haiti — Port-au-Prince, to be exact.

**V.C.:** What is the current status of Haiti's recovery?

**J.S.:** From where I am, recovery is going very slow. Things have improved slightly at University Hospital. The NGOs, the Non-Government

Organizations, are more organized and collaborate much better now.

**V.C.:** What does your average day include?

**J.S.:** My colleagues and I meet with the transfer coordinator and we facilitate transfer by ground, the easiest, or by air, with the Navy, the most challenging because of competing missions.

We also supply water and MRE's, meals-ready-to-eat, for the NGOs, if asked. We help with the supply of oxygen and other medical supplies, and we meet with the hospital leadership to assist them with either security issues and/or medical issues.

**V.C.:** Why is working with the Navy difficult?

**J.S.:** My team facilitates the transport via ground and air. By ground is easier because we use our military ambulances. By air requires more coordination.

We use the U.S. Navy helicopters. We do not have dedicated air assets, so we have to make a request and wait for someone at a high level to decide whether they will accept that mission.

If the answer is no, we have to find another hospital that is closer or the accepting hospital has to provide the transport. It will be by

ground and will take longer.

**V.C.:** Has your background knowledge of Haiti helped you in any way while you have been there?

**J.S.:** Certainly. My advice and counsel have been sought after from medical to language to culture. My military colleagues want to understand and make sense of what they are seeing and experiencing. I "translate" that for them when asked.

**V.C.:** Overall, what has this experience taught you?

**J.S.:** This experience has taught me that there are wonderful people in the world. I have met so many people from so many parts of the world who

rushed to the aid of Haiti. They are still coming every day — all kinds of organizations from medical to logistics to religious.

The biggest impact has been in the medical community, for obvious reasons.

We are truly our brother's keeper. I am also so very proud and in awe of the members of the United States Armed Forces. They are just phenomenal.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has come and [is] still coming. Haiti needs all the help she can get.

This is certainly a long-term project and I will be in the thick of it. This has become my life's mission.

This crisis has certainly changed my life. Take nothing for granted. Maximize your time with family, friends and colleagues. Tomorrow is promised to no one.

## THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

## MPG offenders

I couldn't be more bored of writing about hybrids. You're probably bored reading about the same thing. Yet Priuses aren't getting any faster.

I get it — going on a poutine run to Canada every other night with six empty seats in my truck and the V8 in third gear the whole way is a waste of resources.

But everybody knows it's going to take a lot more than gas frugality to save our precious planet.

So I thought, why not show the dark side some love? I did some research and found the least efficient new cars on the road and I noticed something interesting. They're all awesome.

And believe it or not, the list is not dominated by trucks, SUVs or George Bush's golf cart. Here's a rundown of the worst fuel economy offenders that came out this year.

First I checked out the least efficient compact car. I thought that would be a nice piece of irony to exploit, but it turns out the EPA has given this to the 6.8 liter Bentley Brooklands.

This baby stretches out to an imposing length of 213 inches that would make Jonah Falcon jealous and tips the scale at just shy of three tons.

That's probably part of the reason its 6.8 liter, eight-cylinder engine wheezes to make nine MPG at low speed.

I'm not sure how this car got classified as "compact," but for your reference the cars that won most efficient in this category included the Honda Civic, which could fit in the trunk of the Bentley as it is literally three feet shorter.

A Japanese car caught my eye on the EPA's short list. Apparently the Infiniti EX35 is the least efficient small station wagon, although its 3.5 liter engine makes a fairly decent 16 MPG — at least in the eyes of a Land Rover owner.

I had never heard of this car, but was disappointed when I found it as looks like the kid Katherine Heigl would have had with Seth Rogen — a few sexy curves thrown beneath a massive forehead and awkward haunches.

The prize for the most offensive of all — the least efficient two-seater — goes to the Lamborghini Murcielago. While this car can hardly carry more than two people and a Louis Vuitton bag, its 6.5 liter V12 burns premium petrol to the tune of eight MPG in the city.

I know, admitting you love these cars is like admitting you liked "Don't Mess With The Zohan," but I just don't care. You'd take a Lamborghini over a Smart Car and you know it.

Haiti

Port-au-Prince

## The Cosmopolitan: My first sex shop visit

By Leah Charpentier  
Columnist

Things weren't going so well in the sex department, and I was climbing the damn walls.

So I turned to the Internet, that scary place filled with scarier websites all promising to deliver what I needed in an unmarked box, which would discreetly be sent to me in two to three weeks.

Weeks? Really? Dear God. So, I did the unimaginable — at least for me — and got in the car, plugged in an unfamiliar address to the GPS, took a deep breath and drove to the sex paraphernalia shop.

Upon pulling up to the tainted establishment, I had a moment of panic. What if

this turned out to be an awful experience? What if there were men in there — men old enough to be my father? How could I possibly shop for what I thought I needed in front of men?

I took another deep breath and mustered some courage.

I entered through the side door and was greeted, to my absolute horror, by the woman who rings up my Cheerios at the market.

"Fancy meeting you here!" she chirped.

I smiled and ducked behind a display of what appeared to be condoms designed for baseball bats.

"Ok," I told myself. "You know what you are here for; no browsing. Get in, get out."

I started to peruse the

shelves and was captivated by the array of products with various colors, sizes, shapes and flavors available. I had no idea there were so many people in my boat; it was oddly comforting.

Then I saw it. That piece of equipment which had been told to me in hushed whispers by my closest of friends — that toy that women around our nation have hailed as a miracle: The Rabbit.

For those of you who are unaware, The Rabbit is a toy with dual functions of vibration and penetration. It is an amazing piece of technology which has, at least with my friends, a reputation unparalleled by anything else, and since there are so many who imitate it, finding The Rabbit is a test of discerning authenticity.

Fortunately, I had done my research beforehand so I knew which was genuine. Holy sticker shock: It was nearly \$90!

As if I didn't feel uncomfortable already, the saleswoman insisted upon demonstrating the device's multiple functions, optional settings and horsepower — yes, that's right, horsepower.

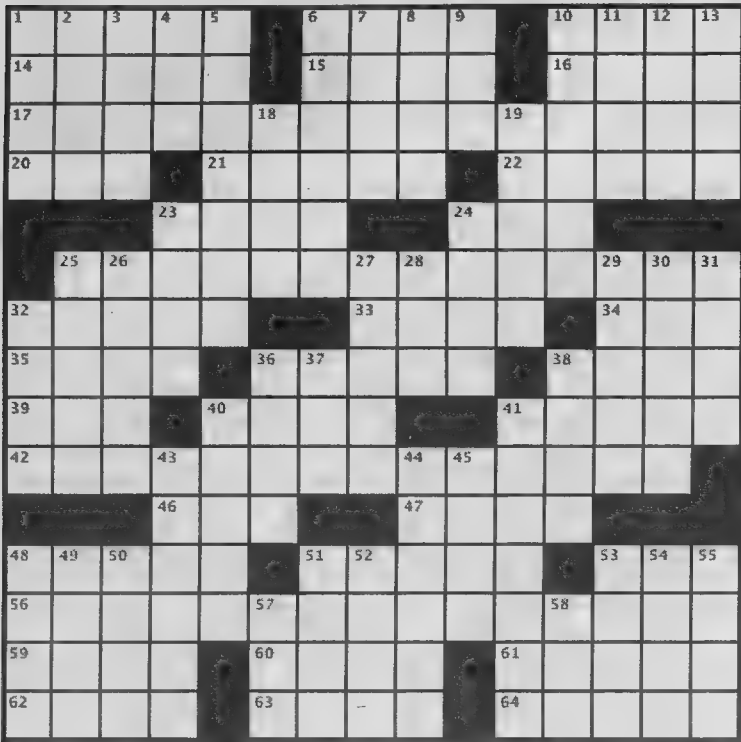
I was mortified. The woman in line behind me quipped, "Wow, the real Rabbit? Somebody must have gotten a bonus!"

I thanked the saleswoman and ran to the car with my booty. It was terrifying, but I made it. All that was left was to give the device a test-drive. So far, no complaints here.



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



### ACROSS

- 1- Advert
- 6- Cushions
- 10- Squealed
- 14- \_\_\_ Mio
- 15- Sewing case
- 16- First name in fashion
- 17- Sending signals everywhere
- 20- Gave grub
- 21- Adjust to zero
- 22- Step
- 23- Atlantic mackerel
- 24- Biol., e.g.
- 25- Forebrain
- 32- Prophets
- 33- Ethereal
- 34- Be in debt
- 35- Look after
- 36- Diary bit
- 38- Sponsorship
- 39- Loss leader?
- 40- Blueprint detail
- 41- \_\_\_-garde
- 42- Curtailment in spending
- 46- Fabled bird
- 47- Frozen rain
- 48- Rhino relative

### DOWN

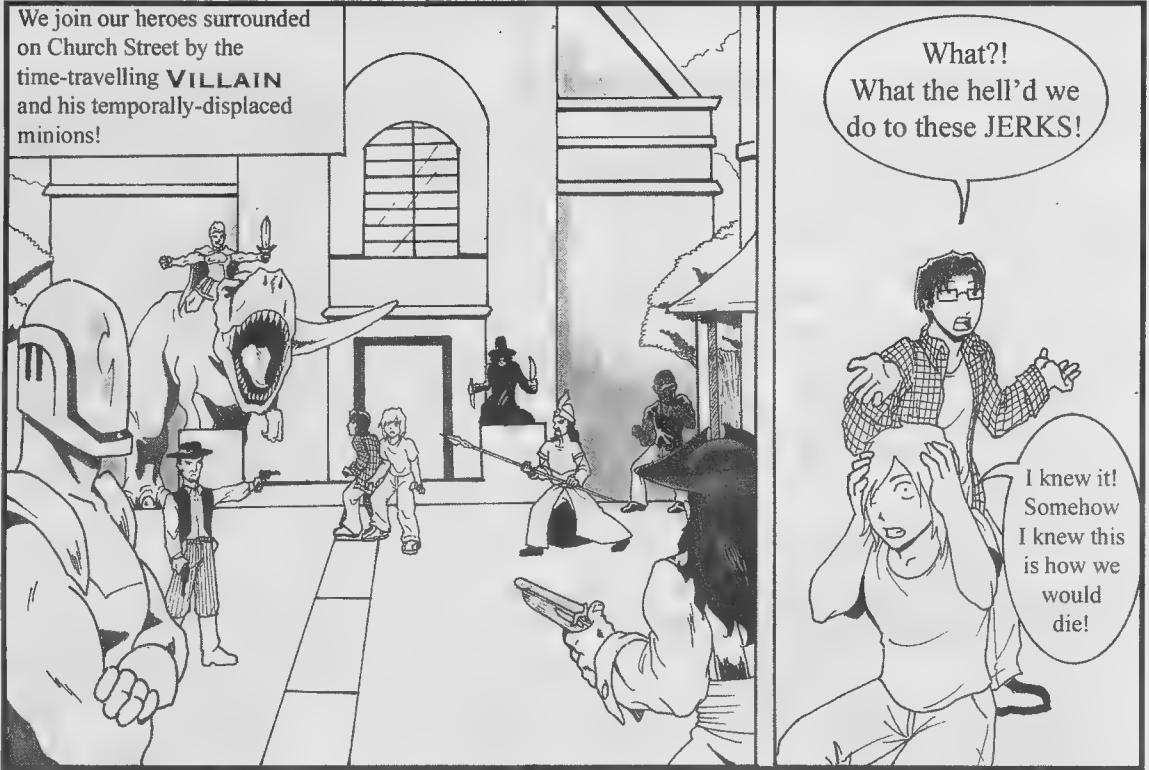
- 1- It's got you covered
- 2- Salinger girl
- 3- Adoring
- 4- Biblical high priest
- 5- To correct
- 6- Individual
- 7- To \_\_\_ (perfectly)
- 8- Conduit
- 9- Join a poker game
- 10- Smelting residue
- 11- Bang-up
- 12- Final Four org.
- 13- Yellow metallic element
- 18- Able was \_\_\_
- 19- Like a mosquito bite
- 23- Thin rope
- 24- Agile
- 25- Golfer Calvin
- 26- Of the kidneys

### 27- Trap

- 28- Alway
- 29- Boston airport
- 30- Due (to)
- 31- Hotbed
- 32- Pierce with a knife
- 36- Heroic
- 37- Bit of film, to a photog
- 38- "The \_\_\_ Dead", classic horror movie
- 40- Grocery, e.g.
- 41- Creatures
- 43- Something of very little value
- 44- Conjecture
- 45- Acquire through merit
- 48- Toll rds.
- 49- Horne solo
- 50- Voting-pattern predictor
- 51- Boris Godunov, for one
- 52- "Java" trumpeter
- 53- Jester
- 54- Islamic call to prayer
- 55- "All The Way To \_\_\_", song by REM
- 57- Hot tub
- 58- Court call

# Comics

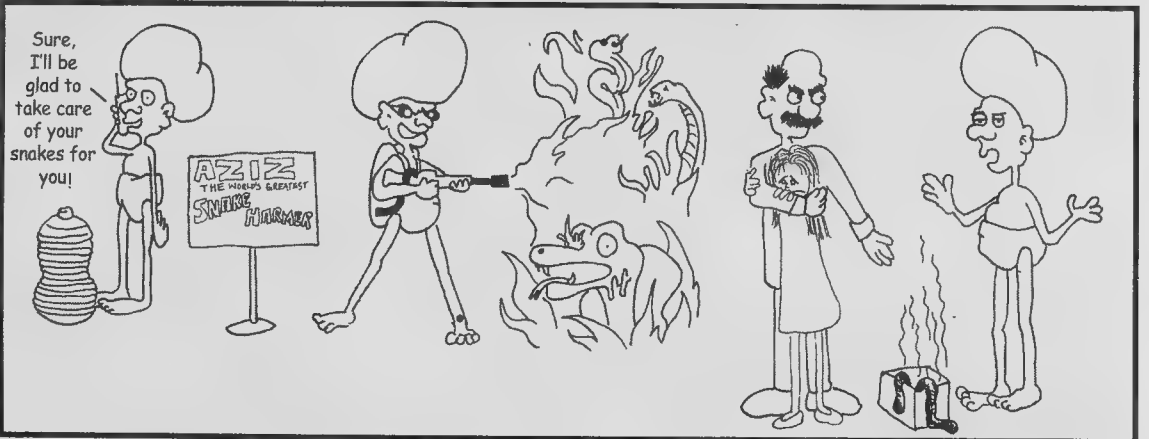
## The Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



## 2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



## No Good Reason By R. Valenti



# Sudoku

### Easy

		5			9	3		4
4	6	3	8	2	1	7		5
7	8		1	3		9		
		6				1		
		1		6	7		2	3
1		4	3	8	5	2	6	9
6		8	4			5		

### Hard

	5				7	9		
	7					6	3	
4		2						
					5			9
		1	2		4	3		
9			3					
					2			6
	6	8					5	
		3	1				7	

Life Together: Inclusive, Inquiring, Instructive Ecumenical Christian worship service. Sundays at 6:30 p.m in the Ira Allen Chapel. The services are offered by Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) at UVM. Contact [ccm@uvm.edu](mailto:ccm@uvm.edu)



# Men's hockey has strong showing against BU in weekend series

Team skates away with wins in both games, but the future is still uncertain

By Jack Stratton Spina  
Cynic Correspondent

In last season's Frozen Four appearance, BU snatched a shot at a National Championship from the Catamounts in a come-from-behind victory with under six minutes remaining in the third period.

It was a different story on senior weekend, when the Cats played the Terriers again, this time at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

The Terriers were thoroughly embarrassed by the Cats in the first game with a score of 7-3.

"The focus, the speed, the attention to detail, the physical play from the team in black as opposed to the team in white was like night and day," Boston University head coach Jack Parker said.

After a day of rest the two teams met again on Sunday in a much closer game. The Cats again came out on top though, thanks to a game-winning goal with 3:42 left in the game by newly converted forward junior Josh Burrows.

Burrows was on fire in the series, netting two goals in Friday's game as well. When asked about converting from defense to forward, Burrows was pleased with the change.

"I'll play where I'm needed... I'm just having a good time," Burrows said.



*Junior co-captain Kevan Miller controls the puck in the season's exhibition game against New Brunswick. Since the opening of the season, the team has been rather inconsistent, with many big wins and tough losses.*

DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Head coach Kevin Sneddon was optimistic about the team's ability to be strong moving forward to the playoffs following the series.

"I think we're seeing the signs of a team and family coming together," Sneddon said.

The Cats went on to lose a game and tie one against Umass-Lowell following the BU series. Though this ended the

team's hopes for home ice in the playoffs, they were still able to advance to the postseason.

The Catamounts were matched up against UNH for the quarterfinals of the Hockey East playoffs.

This would prove to be a difficult match as the Wildcats were the regular season champions in Hockey East.

Though the team was unable to get a victory the first night,

March 13 was different. The Cats beat UNH 1-0 and forced a third game.

Though the team may not go as deep into the postseason as last year, the BU series gave them strong momentum to make the playoffs and defeat UNH for the first time this season.

## Sport Shorts

By Donny O'Neil  
Cynic Correspondent

Men's basketball finishes season strong on Senior day

Senior Marqus Blakely scored 17 points to lead the Cats to victory on his senior day at Patrick Gym as the team beat Binghamton 78-69 on February 28. The team now focuses on the NCAA tournament.

Kotsopolous and Blakely win America East Fans Choice Awards

Seniors May Kotsopolous and Marqus Blakely of the men's and women's basketball teams have been voted the America East Men's and Women's Basketball Fans' Choice Player of the Year awards.

Kotsopolous leads the league in scoring and is in the top ten in several other statistical categories and Blakely is also near the top in most statistical categories as well.

- ◇ Do you like watching people argue?
- ◇ Are you looking to be a little more informed?
- ◇ Do you want to have an impact on your school?

Come to the...

## Presidential Debates

to hear your next Student Government Presidential candidates debate-it-off!


The debate will take place  
**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8pm in Waterman Memorial Lounge.

For questions or accommodations please email [krifken@uvm.edu](mailto:krifken@uvm.edu) or [cynic@uvm.edu](mailto:cynic@uvm.edu)

Sponsored by the Vermont Cynic and the SGA.

? ? ? ?  
**STD** ?  
? **CDC** ?  
? ?  
**HIV** ?  
**HPV**  
**IUD** ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

 **Planned Parenthood**  
NOT ABORTION. JUST US.

**CLOSE TO CAMPUS**  
23 Mansfield Ave.

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

863-6326

[www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)



[www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)



# MARCH MADNESS

By Will Andreycak  
Asst. Sports Editor

## The Favorites

**S**Entering this season, Syracuse had lost three star-caliber players: Johnny Flynn, Eric Devendorf and Paul Harris.

The Orange were not ranked in the top 25 and were predicted to finish in the bottom half of the Big East Conference. But on the cusp of the NCAA tournament, the Orange are one of the best teams in the country.

Junior Wesley Johnson has been terrific after transferring from Iowa State a year ago. Johnson was expected to improve the Orange but no one anticipated an All-American type season, which he has thus far produced.

Syracuse coach Jim Boheim only plays seven players, but those seven players are all capable of starting on any team in the nation.

Rick Jackson and Arinze Onuaku have established one of the best front lines in the nation and the point guard duo of Scoop Jardine and Brandon Triche make few mistakes and key the outstanding transition game for Syracuse. Kris Joseph has emerged as one of the most athletic and talented sixth-men in the country and brings star caliber talent of the bench.

The most important player for Syracuse is senior guard Andy Rautins. Before this year Rautins was known as simply an excellent three-point threat and nothing else. This year Rautins has continued his three-point shooting success but also developed skills that have made him an all-around player.

Syracuse can make the Final Four on the shoulders of five different players at any given time.

Vermont will play Syracuse in the first round on March 19.



Head coach John Calipari's Wildcats have been one of the most impressive teams this season led by freshman point guard and Player of the Year candidate John Wall.

Wall puts up great numbers (16.8 ppg, 6.2 apg) but what he brings to the table is experience, defensive ability and athleticism. DeMarcus Cousins, Kentucky's center, is another freshman that has

made an immediate impact. Cousins is already viewed as one of the best front line players in the country, averaging 16.2 ppg and 10.1 rpg.

If Cousins and Wall aren't enough, junior forward Patrick Patterson and freshman guard Eric Bledsoe round out a nucleus of players that have some of the best pure talent in the country. The only question mark for Kentucky will be the lack of experience. The freshman trio of Cousins, Wall and Bledsoe will need to play like seniors.



Kansas is a dangerous team for a few reasons. Seniors Cole Aldrich and Sharron Collins are one of the top backcourt-frontcourt combos in the country and bring invaluable experience to a tournament where a team's composure under pressure directly translates into victories.

Sophomores, forward Marcus Morris and guard

Tyshawn Taylor, each fill their roles beautifully night in and night out and freshman Xavier Henry has already shown glimpses of NBA talent.

Think back to the last National Championship for Kansas, when Mario Chalmers made the unforgettable three-point shot to send Kansas into overtime against Memphis. Kansas eventually went on to beat Memphis in that overtime period and Chalmers was made immortal in college basketball lore. Collins has that type of big shot capability and can carry Kansas to another title.

## Players to watch

**John Wall**  
Point Guard  
University of Kentucky

It is already a foregone conclusion that Wall will be the first pick in the NBA draft next summer. Wall has the physique, instinct and athleticism that all NBA teams value out of the point guard position. He plays a lot like Derrick Rose, a player also coached by John Calipari. He has an extra gear which allows him to turn the corner or to explode by defenders in the open court. Going full speed, he is not only faster than anyone else on the court, but is able to control every aspect of his game while going at such a speed. Wall lives for these types of events where all eyes will be on him and should shine. If John Wall is not a household name now it will be after the NCAA tournament.

**Evan Turner**  
Guard/Forward  
Ohio State University

Turner is less well-known than Wall but has just as much potential. Turner is a big combo guard with great versatility and a tremendous feel for the game. He is extremely smooth with the ball in his hands, and has the handles of a point guard with the terrific ability of getting to the basket. An invaluable trait is that Turner has supreme confidence with the ball in his hands and isn't afraid of taking and making the big shot. His good upper-body strength allows him to absorb contact and make plays at the rim. He is the all-around player that teams rely on in the NCAA tournament. He could lead Ohio State to the Final Four.

**James Anderson**  
Shooting Guard  
Oklahoma State

Perhaps the least well-known star in all of college basketball, Anderson is the most productive player of the three players mentioned averaging 22.6 ppg, which is fifth in all of Division I. He has a textbook shot from outside and has shown the ability to score in many ways. He can finish on the break and does a good job of scoring around the basket. While he doesn't have elite athleticism, it is at an NBA level and should allow him to be an effective pro. Oklahoma State has upset potential because of Anderson's ability.



## The Dark Horses

### Tennessee Volunteers

- The beginning of the season was marred by scandal, resulting in the dismissal of starters Cameron Tatum and Tyler Smith.
- Somehow Tennessee has been able to put together a very solid season behind freshman Scotty Hopson and senior Wayne Chism.
- Head coach Bruce Pearl coaches a tough bunch of players who have grinded out victories over Kentucky and Kansas this season (both of which were ranked number one at the time).
- It would not be a surprise if Tennessee lost in the first two rounds, but if they can make it to the Sweet Sixteen, this team has proven that they have the toughness to beat anyone.

### Butler Bulldogs

- Butler is a team that most people are not familiar with.
- Butler has won at least 20 games and reached postseason play 11 of the last 13 seasons, including appearances in eight NCAA Tournaments

where the Bulldogs reached the Sweet Sixteen in 2003 and 2007.

This season, Butler is led by star power-forward Gordon Hayward, who leads Butler in points, rebounds and blocked shots. Earlier in the season, Hayward led Butler over Ohio State, a top 10 team, with 24 points and eight rebounds. If he can reproduce those numbers against other top teams, Butler has a chance at something special.

### Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

What wins games in March Madness is great team defense and dominating interior post play. Georgia Tech has both of those, as they are third in the country in opponent's field goal percentage (37.2 percent), and boast a front line combo of freshman Derrick Favors (11.6 ppg, 8.4 rpg) and junior Gani Lawal (13.6 ppg, 9.1 rpg). The Yellow Jackets have shown that they can beat the top teams in the nation with a victory over Duke earlier this season.

## UPSET ALERT

### Teams matched up

#### Duke Blue Devils

- Duke is a team that seems to be a national title contender each year.
- But the Blue Devils have not gotten past the Sweet Sixteen in the last five seasons despite finishing the year in the top 10 in four of those five years.
- One of the reasons for this is that head coach Mike Krzyzewski, one of the greatest coaches of all time, composes his team into one not built for the grind of the NCAA tournament.
- In other words, Duke always has fantastic outside shooting, discipline and team defense but lacks athleticism and toughness.
- Since Duke relies so heavily on three-point shooting from the hands of Jon Scheyer and Kyle Singler, an off shooting night would spell disaster.
- Combine that concern with the fact that Duke has only one legitimate non-conference win (Gonzaga), and there are enough question marks to leave Duke out of your final four.

#### Siena Saints

- For some reason this team has recently been able to make noise in the NCAA tournament.
- Two years ago, Siena was a #13 seed in the tournament and was matched up against #4 seeded Vanderbilt but was able to pull off an amazing upset over the SEC power.
- The following season, Siena was a #9 seed matched up against heavily favored #8 seed Ohio State. But once again, Siena prevailed in a double overtime thriller keyed by Ronald Moore's late three-pointer.
- This year Siena is poised to make more noise in the tournament led by Moore, Alex Franklin and Edwin Ubiles.
- No matter which team finds themselves in a first round matchup against Siena, the Saints should make them nervous.
- Siena has the confidence to beat any team in the country and in March Madness, confidence is a huge asset.





WOMEN WIN FIRST NCAA TOURNAMENT GAME

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, March 23, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 22 | Burlington, Vermont



## “Sanctions have been improperly placed on me,” SGA presidential candidate says

Kofi Mensah accused of breaking campaign rules, overspending



KELSEY WOOLEY | The Vermont Cynic

By Max Harwood and  
Natalie DiBlasio  
News Editor and Asst. News  
Editor

“If the committee becomes aware of any campaign materials that have not been taken down, you will be taken off the ballot for the election.”

This is the message SGA presidential candidate junior Kofi Mensah found when he checked his email on March 19.

After accusations of Mensah exceeding the allotted campaign budget, the SGA Elections Committee issued a sanction requiring him to remove all campaign materials, which includes all posters and advertisements on the TV screens in the Davis Center, SGA senator Katie Rifkin said.

“We had several [students and senators] approach us with concerns about the number of fliers,” Rifkin said. “It was enough that the committee thought it should be something to look into.”

Mensah said he believes the sanctions are unfair and that he did not spend more than the \$150 the SGA allows for campaigning.

There was confusion after the SGA required Mensah to take down and hand in the posters he had put up before spring break because of “misleading language” that needed to be reworded.

“I figured the SGA had the posters in their possession, I can no longer use them, they are no longer my campaign material, so it is no longer in my campaign budget — I had to make totally new ones,” Mensah said.

However, Mensah said at the time of making new posters, he was unaware that the SGA Election Committee was still counting the old posters in his budget.

On March 19, the committee e-mailed Mensah to inform him that these fliers would be considered in his total.

“The committee has decided that the fliers that we asked you to return will be included in your campaign spending,” according to the email.

The committee deducted the cost of all of the posters, even those that weren’t used, Mensah said.

“Only about 10 percent of the fliers they have ever used because I was going to put most of them up after break,” he said. “They were only up for about five days.”

The Committee said that they believe the length of time the fliers were posted is irrelevant.

“No matter how long they were available, simply ‘getting your name out’ is still construed as campaigning,” the e-mail from Rifkin said. “I know that in the Davis Center, fliers are taken down every week anyway, so your fliers being displayed publicly for four to five days is similar to this.”

**“Everywhere I had one poster, Kofi had three... I was told there was nowhere in Burlington he could have made that many copies and stayed under budget.”**

Claire Chevrier

Junior SGA presidential  
candidate

The opposing presidential candidate, Claire Chevrier, said that she was concerned in the first week and a half of campaigning because of how many posters Mensah had.

“Everywhere I had one poster, Kofi had three,” she said. “I figured he had just done a lot of research and really just looked around for deals, but I found out that wasn’t the case. I was told that there was nowhere in Burlington he could have made that many copies and stayed under budget.”

Furthermore, the committee

see MENSAB on page 3

## Vermont residents support marijuana decriminalization

Montpelier vote sparks debate about UVM policy

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

Some Vermonters are beginning to think the grass might be greener on the other side.

Montpelier residents voted in favor of the statewide decriminalization of marijuana during the Town Meeting Day on March 4. Voters approved the referendum 1,530 to 585.

As everyone from potheads to politicians debate the fate of marijuana in Vermont, the UVM community is left discussing what decriminalization would mean for the University.

“If drug policies were to change at UVM, it would probably start with conversation — student-generated discussion,” Assistant Director for Student Ethics and Standards Troy Headrick said.

Even if marijuana were to be decriminalized in Vermont, it would still be illegal — but students would no longer be arrested for minor offences; Headrick said.

According to the Federal Student Aid guidelines, students who are arrested are at risk of losing financial assistance.

“Getting arrested can get rid of your financial aid,” former UVM student Alex Heartly said. “At least if it were decriminalized, you wouldn’t have to worry about that.”

However, not all of the details are clear yet.

“I want to know how [decriminalization] would affect ResLife’s policies,” Heartly said. “Could the police still search your room if it smelled like marijuana?”

There are University policies that don’t have anything to do with state laws that are meant to maintain a healthy student body.

“I can’t imagine it would



ever change the smoke-free dorm policies,” Headrick said.

There’s even a strong advocacy from med students to ban smoking on campus altogether — whether it’s tobacco or marijuana, SGA President Bryce Jones said.

Moreover, a change in state law doesn’t necessarily mean University policies have to change. However, some said they think new policies should be considered.

“The University should definitely critique its policies to accommodate student interests,” Jones said. “If state law does change, we’ll examine what parts of the policy would be affected.”

Assistant Vice President of Student and Campus Life Annie Stevens said she believes the policy would change if the law changes.

“Policies change every two

see DECRIMINALIZATION on page 3



# Anonymous donations raise transparency concerns

Some argue amendment will encourage gifts, others fear hidden agenda

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

While some think new legislation will encourage more donations to UVM, some suspect that the University is withholding information from the public.

UVM requested that the Vermont Senate clarify an amendment to a public statute, which would allow private donors to remain anonymous, Karen Maher, vice president of Federal, State and Community Relations at UVM, said.

The bill would adjust the Vermont Public Records Act so that private donors could give gifts to UVM without revealing their identity, according to a statement from the University.

However, some fear that the new policy could cause controversy.

"Having 'open' information hasn't been a problem in the past, so why does it need to change?"

senior Letizia Figg said.

She said that the new amendment makes her feel that the University is hiding something by creating this policy option.

"I think it would be better to keep it the way it is and not create a scandal out of it all," she said.

Others, however, support the amendment.

The vast majority of donors choose to openly identify themselves when making gifts, but some — out of modesty, a need for privacy, worries about family safety — choose to remain anonymous, according to an online statement from UVM Development and Alumni Relations.

"It is perfectly reasonable for them to expect that their privacy rights will be respected," it stated.

The University is not hiding money, but they want to be able to ethically say that they can grant anonymity, UVM State Relations

Officer Clarence Davis said.

Also, most people who donate to any institution want their names out there for people to see, Davis said.

"Donors want people to know that they've donated to 'X' charity," he said.

The privacy of individual donor records is also important to strengthening development efforts, Maher said.

Development efforts are projects that help raise money for the University and coordinate networking between students, alumni and parents, Kathleen A. Kelleher, interim Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, said.

"UVM and the other public post-secondary institutions are in need to enhance development work in an effort to increase the amount of funds raised from private sources to keep the cost of higher education as manageable as possible," Maher said.

Nevertheless, some still raised concerns about transparency.

Although UVM is encouraging the pending legislation, some organizations like the Vermont Press Association (VPA) characterize the amendment as an attempt to hide the source of the money, Davis said.

An open and transparent system is extremely important, Executive Director of the VPA Michael Donoghue said.

"As a state institution, I think that UVM, state colleges and VSAC should be held to this kind of standard," he said.

Because our country was founded on the simplicity of open government and democracy, UVM as a public institution should report to its taxpayers, Donoghue said.

"They're just asking for one more exemption in the public records law," he said.

Although the names of the donors would remain

anonymous, the University would continue to make public the amounts and uses of the gifts, Davis said.

The institution's annual financial statements will also continue to be made available, according to UVM's online statement.

Last week, the legislation was "ordered to lie," which means there will be no action unless something extraordinary happens, Davis said.

"The bill is essentially in limbo unless someone wants to bring it back," he said.

Despite opinion battles between colleges, organizations and students, the legislation has been put on the back burner for now, Davis said.

"The University will continue to manage records as it does now because there has been no change in law," Maher said.

## SGA president debate draws crowd

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Juniors Kofi Mensah and Claire Chevrier battled for the position of SGA President to the largest turnout in the past few years at the Student Government Association presidential debate on Thursday.

Mensah's presentation focused on SGA visibility across campus and communication

between the SGA, the administration and students.

"I want to create a certain type of legacy for this organization that will continue to guide upcoming administrations," Mensah said.

The main focus of Mensah's platforms are to effectively serve the student body and work with the administration to change concerning student attitudes.

Chevrier addressed the students more openly, informing them of SGA issues and listening

to and considering their concerns and opinions.

"It is incredibly important that we reflect the views of the students, because that is what we are here for," Chevrier said. "We are nothing if not the voice of the students."

Elections for SGA president will be held March 24 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Voting will be on the Lynx website.

## University considers new sustainability requirement

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Undergraduate students at UVM may soon find themselves with another General Education Requirement to complete.

The Student Government Association senate passed a resolution supporting the creation of a six-credit Sustainability Education Requirement at the March 16 meeting.

"The fact that students can graduate from this school with no knowledge of sustainability or environmental conservation just seems absurd to me," Senator Mikayla McDonald said.

Senator Beth Kerschner said that as a student at UVM, she began to notice the amount of "Greenwashing" being forced on students.

"To me [greenwashing] means preaching an environmental vision but not all the way through, not walking the walk," Kerschner said.

The Rubenstein School and the Environmental Program are in favor of the requirement, she said.

"Since the beginning of the semester, we have been discussing this with the General Education Work Group, Office of Sustainability, Environmental Program and Rubenstein School," she said.

The program will be incorporated into existing requirements and not act as an additional burden, Kerschner said.

"That might look like something like, say, in the engineering department one of their basic classes is just reworked a little bit to be through a sustainability lens," she said. "Maybe they could learn more about green building or natural building."

Some students in a focused program such as business might see it as just another requirement, but that's not how it has to be, she said.

"We don't want it to be something that no one cares

about," she said.

It is important to learn about the environment, especially since UVM is an agricultural school, the requirement does not seem necessary beyond freshman year, freshman Ariel Cohen said.

"I think people look at it as another requirement that they are not going to necessarily look forward to taking and just another thing to fit into their schedules," Senator Maggie Thompson said.

**"The fact that students can graduate from this school with no knowledge of sustainability or environmental conservation just seems absurd to me."**

Mikayla McDonald  
SGA Senator

Thompson said she thinks that students should look at it as a class they would have already had to take, now with the sustainability component.

When polled, 43.5 percent of UVM students supported an environmental sustainability requirement, 26.5 percent did not and 23.1 percent somewhat supported the program, according to the Vermont Student Opinion Poll.

"We feel students want it, and to get it passed through the SGA just reinforces that," McDonald said.

McDonald said she feels that our generation is the generation that will have to deal with extreme disparities in supplies of natural resources and degradation of ecological functions.

"We are the ones who are going to have to fix these problems, so we had better have the tools and the knowledge to fix them," she said.

## Summer Sustainability Studies at UVM



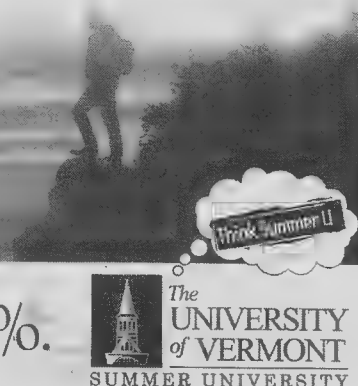
Study in beautiful Vermont this summer. UVM's environmental expertise connects you with the innovative leaders and organizations you'll find only here. Gain hands-on farm experience with our Farmward Bound™ program. Explore emerging areas of environmental art. Learn

about sustainable business practices, alternative and clean energy, and wildlife tracking from the state's foremost experts and innovators. Undergraduate and graduate courses are available.

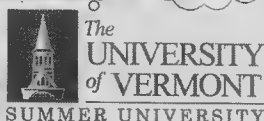
Register today and take advantage of the 15% Summer '10 Tuition Savings at [uvm.edu/summer/uvm](http://uvm.edu/summer/uvm).

Reasons for you to Think Summer U

- \* Online classes
- \* UVM credits
- \* Four summer sessions
- \* Housing available
- \* Special interest programs
- \* Graduate on time
- \* Smaller class sizes



Catch up. Get ahead. Save 15%.





# Chi Alpha officers would have to "profess" Christianity on campus

## SGA senators raise concerns about discrimination, potential club under review

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

SGA does not recognize clubs that discriminate. However, some say they are about to.

Chi Alpha's constitution states "[All officers] will profess Christian faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed, and they will support the mission and values of national Chi Alpha Campus Ministries."

Claire Chevrier, SGA Student Activities Chair, who is in charge of reviewing clubs' constitutions for discrepancies, said she was concerned about Chi Alpha's proposed constitution.

"When I saw that statement about the officers I said 'red flag, that doesn't seem right,'" Chevrier said. "I initially thought they would have to change that to abide by our discrimination policy, but they were passionate about keeping it in there because they were worried about the longevity of the club."

After review from the Legal Counsel, it was determined that the constitution would not be considered discriminatory because the word "profess" technically means to accept or deny, she said.

Chevrier said she encouraged

the organization to change the word "profess" to something clearer and Chi Alpha elected to keep the word in the constitution.

There is currently a U.S. Supreme Court Case about a similar situation. If the court decision goes in favor of the club, the SGA could be sued if the club is not recognized, Chevrier said.

"The word 'profess' gets the point across without being a problem," she said. "Technically we have to recognize them because they have everything they need to be a club, and that's what the Supreme Court said."

Despite the ruling of the University Legal Counsel, some students say they would feel discriminated against if Chi Alpha were recognized.

"I was raised Jewish and I feel discriminated against by this, why wouldn't they want to use language that was clearly not discriminatory?" an anonymous student said. "I have to pay a student activities fee which will be funding that club and I don't feel comfortable with that."

"The language itself is not discrimination because it is so broad," Director of Student Life Pat Brown said. "The decision on whether or not to approve them as a club is up to the SGA."

## MENSAH |

### SGA Elections Committee argues unfair campaign spending

...continued from page 1

said they felt Mensah had not accounted for all services and funds when submitting his receipts.

"We explained [to him] that we had gotten the receipts back and we've seen some discrepancies," Rifkin said. "We felt that not all the receipts were turned in either."

Mensah only turned in the receipts for the new fliers and some of the older receipts, he said.

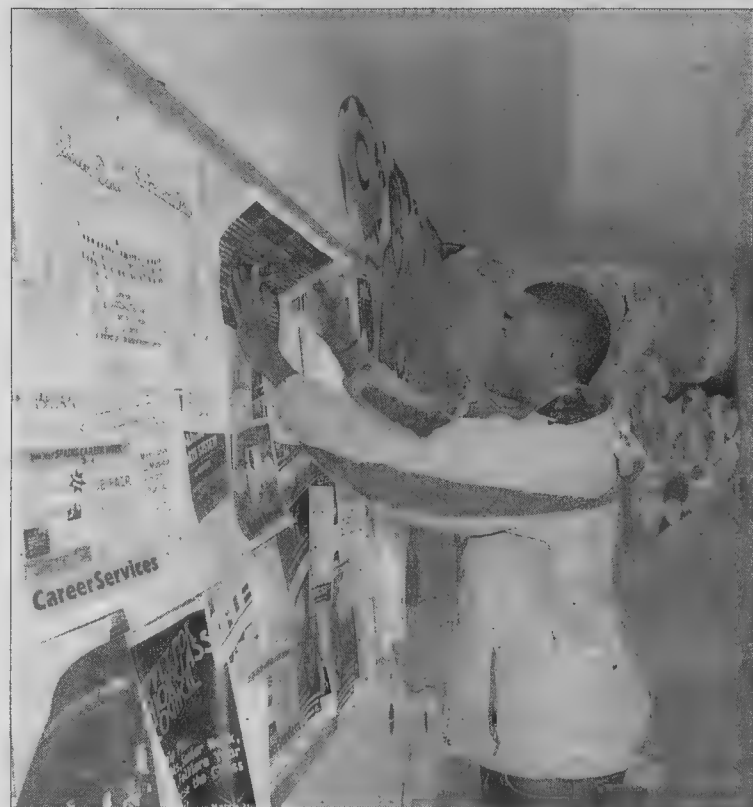
"I felt there was no longer a need to keep track of [the old receipts for the old fliers] because they were no longer a part of my campaign, they were for the old campaign," Mensah said.

Mensah said he used his own computer, printer, paper and ink to create some of the new fliers and said that the amount the SGA claims it would have cost him to produce the fliers is too high.

Mensah said he believes that the committee should use the cost of his paper and ink cartridges rather than the quote from the print and mail center.

"They aren't going off the receipts, they are going off the amount of fliers they have and the quote they got from the print and mail center," Mensah said. "Most I printed by personal computer. I had access to my own personal printer and paper and I used them toward my campaign — how is that wrong?"

The Committee factors in services when calculating the total expenditures, so even free services are considered part of the candidates' \$150 budget,



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

SGA Presidential candidate, Kofi Mensah, takes down his campaign poster after being accused of breaking the campaigning rules.

Rifkin said.

"It's to level the playing field, so that even if you do get a donation or something doesn't cost as much for you as a candidate, you still need to factor it to its full price," she said.

The Elections Committee held a mandatory meeting with the candidates at the beginning of the election to discuss rules and regulations for campaigning, she said.

"The rules are given out

and they sign a waiver that says 'I understand the rules and regulations.'"

Chevrier said she was aware of the rule after asking if she could use free copies that she had been given by UPS.

"If I didn't ask, I wouldn't have necessarily known — but it would have been a hasty assumption," Chevrier said.

## DECRIMINALIZATION

Town meeting day vote pressures State Senate to change marijuana policy



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic

Montpelier residents voted in favor of the statewide decriminalization of marijuana at town meeting day on Mar. 4.

...continued from page 1

to three years," she said.

The most recent changes have been to alcohol policies, but the drug policies have not changed, Stevens said.

"It's hard to speculate which parts of the policies could change," Stevens said. "There would have to be a group assembled to review the policies and determine what can be changed."

Several students also speculate about what the decriminalization would mean for UVM.

"I don't think that people who

smoke marijuana do bad things," sophomore Anthony Baez said. "You already see it everywhere, so I don't think [policy changes] would really change anything."

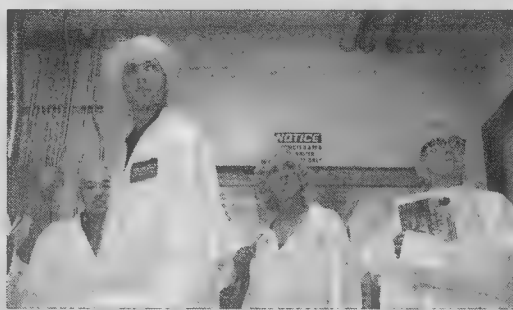
Despite the vote in Montpelier, the discussion of marijuana laws in Vermont and UVM continues without resolution.

"I think students are reasonable about wanting a safe and healthy campus," Stevens said. "It's going to take some discussion to determine what's the most beneficial to our community."

EARN 6 CREDITS IN 2 WEEKS

## Be Business Savvy

An Intensive Program for Non-Business Majors



### EXPERIENCE real business

- Site Visits to Local Businesses
- Meet Entrepreneurs
- Talk to Community Leaders

### LEARN real business functions

- Strategy & Performance Management
- Finance & Accounting Concepts
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing Concepts



### EXPLORE new career paths

- Networking
- Interviewing
- Resume Writing

Think Summer U

Begins May 24<sup>th</sup>. Register today!  
[uvm.edu/summer/savvy](http://uvm.edu/summer/savvy)





## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermi  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News), Will Andreyak (Sports), Jason Scott (Copy), Matt Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Danielle Bilotta, Jenny Mudarri

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey Manning, Dan Boles, Megan Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert, Ally Perleoni, Stephanie Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Sustaining more work for students

The environment is a big deal — especially at UVM.

So when the SGA passed a resolution supporting the creation of a sustainability course requirement, it did not come as much of a surprise to *The Cynic*.

Similar to the diversity requirements, the new six-credit requirement would mean that students would have to take classes concerning the environment to graduate.

In polls conducted by the SGA, 43.5 percent of students completely supported the requirement.

What *The Cynic* is concerned about is the other 56.5 percent of students — and what about the students that weren't polled?

At UVM, there is a stigma surrounding the environment. There is the potential to receive "death" stares if one passes up the recycle bin on campus.

Of course, we aren't saying the environment is not worth our time. The environment is important. We are going to have to live on this planet for a long time.

We applaud the innovative steps UVM has taken to make our campus more sustainable such as the water bottle refill stations and composting in residential halls.

However, six credits is a significant addition to the extensive course requirement list UVM has already established. While many students value the environment and want to learn about sustainability, not all students should be forced to take the two additional courses.

Adding two more courses to the requirement list means that student either have two less course slots to dedicate to their personal interests or they have two more courses for which they have to pay.

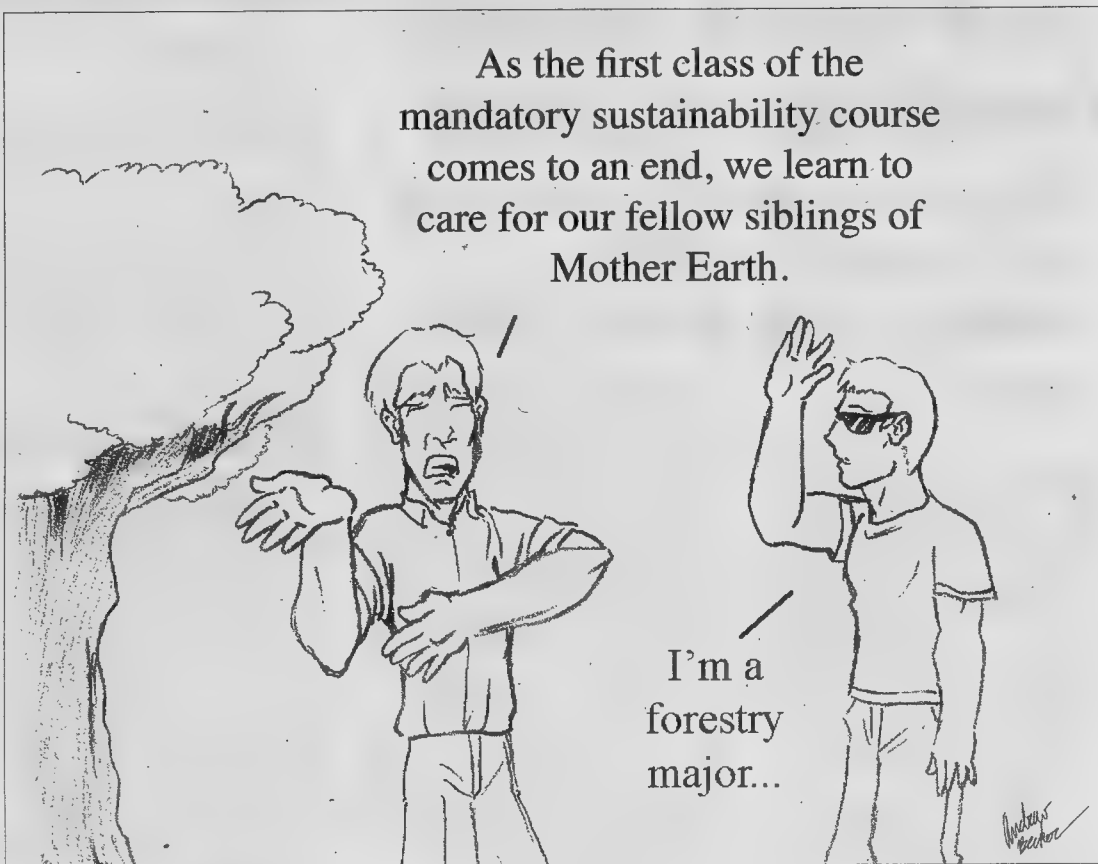
There are other ways to promote sustainability without placing so much of an extra credit burden — and an expensive credit burden at that — on students.

Have an alternate option available to students, such as being able to substitute sustainability classes for another course requirement.

Even making it so that students could choose to take one diversity requirement and one sustainability requirement would make students more aware of sustainability while not cutting down on the classes they can choose to take on their own.

Sustainability is already at the front of most students' minds whether it is out of personal concern or fear of peers' reaction to a wasted piece of paper.

*The Cynic* wants an active student interest in the environment to continue, but a less burdening route can and should be found.



## COLUMNISTS



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## Reconciliation

So it turns out that healthcare reform is alive and kicking.

First it was alive, then it was dead, then it was alive, then it was *really* dead. Now I guess it's alive again.

At this point I've started to mix up healthcare reform and the final season of "Lost." One time I accidentally called Mitch McConnell "the smoke monster." No lie.

All told, it's been a frustrating year. And by the end of this week, it will all be over. Healthcare reform will be a reality or as dead as can be.

For the former to happen, the Democrats have to use a special process called "reconciliation." This frighteningly named procedure has produced waves of anger from the Republicans. It's been called political suicide, an affront to the framers and a threat to democracy — sometimes all in one sentence.

Well, here's my own trifecta

of thoughts on the issue — it's fair, pass the bill and stop making it an issue.

First of all, virtually all of the procedural complaints about reconciliation are unfounded. Reconciliation was created with the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to streamline the budget process.

Essentially, if a provision deals with revenue or spending — and only those — it can go to the floor with limited debate time, disabling the use of the filibuster. That means that 51 votes is all it would take to pass the changes that need to be made to the original bill.

Remember, both chambers of Congress already passed versions of the bill. Reconciliation is being used — you guessed it — to reconcile them. Put that way, it's a lot less harsh than the shoving-it-down-our-throats narrative the Republicans have been building.

Also, bear in mind the history of the procedure. Sixteen bills have been passed using reconciliation. Eleven were signed by Republican presidents.

But, of course, it's never been used for important bills or bills without bipartisan support, right?

Wrong and wrong.

Clinton's 1993 deficit reduction bill and Bush's tax cuts were big, partisan and

passed with reconciliation.

There's literally nothing legitimate to complain about.

And while I'm sure Democrats are grateful to the Republicans for the electoral advice, there's absolutely no reason to believe that using reconciliation will trouble voters.

A recent Gallup poll asked respondents whether they support the bill, and whether they would support the bill if passed through reconciliation. There was a 3 percent loss of support with the procedure. Dilute that with the months before November, and you're looking at an infinitesimal impact on elections.

The sanctity-of-the-filibuster argument is equally ridiculous. The filibuster isn't in the Constitution. It wasn't thought up by the framers. It's a part of the Senate standing rules. It's a hiccup in the structure of our government. It's been amended in the past and it, very simply, is not sacred.

Democrats, stop complaining. Stop justifying yourselves. Pass the bill.

Besides, you still have months to remind voters of your disorganization and impotence.

Now isn't the time.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*

## CORRECTION

Living/Learning Program Fair photo from Issue 21 was taken by Ilana Copel.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"IF WE DO NOTHING, THE SYSTEM WILL GO BANKRUPT, PREMIUMS WILL KEEP SKYROCKETING AND BENEFITS WILL KEEP GETTING SLASHED."**

— Henry Waxman, D-Calif., speaking about the necessity of healthcare reform.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

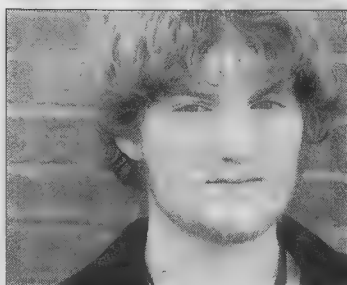
## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Pirates of the Gulf of Aden



ZACH DESPART

Pirates don't just exist in Howard Pyle illustrations or Disney blockbusters, but on the high seas today. Somalia, which has been engulfed in civil war since 1991, has become a major base of operations for pirates.

The national government has little control over the country.

Piracy off the coast of Somalia grabbed the attention of the United States last year, when the American merchant vessel Maersk Alabama — skippered by Vermont resident Richard Phillips — was hijacked by four Somali pirates. Six months later, pirates again attempted to take the vessel.

Piracy has been described as Somalia's wealthiest industry. The BBC reported in 2008 that Somali pirates received \$150 million in ransom that year.

Piracy isn't an issue that solely affects the United States; pirates have indiscriminantly hijacked merchant vessels of many nations. Last week, a Norwegian tanker was

hijacked. In November, a Greek merchant vessel was captured. In 2008, pirates successfully hijacked 42 merchant vessels.

The United States has been hesitant to intervene in Africa, especially Somalia, for nearly two decades. In October 1993, 18 American soldiers were killed in Mogadishu attempting to capture a Somali warlord.

The bodies of several dead Americans were mutilated and paraded through the streets of the Somali capital, and the incident left a scar on the Clinton Administration. By May 1994, all American troops had been withdrawn from the region.

Since then, the United States has neglected to intervene in numerous African conflicts, including the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, the 2003 genocide in Darfur and the ongoing conflict in the Congo, which *The New York Times* stated has claimed 5.4 million lives since 1998.

Here's the problem with piracy off the coast of Africa: Rather than risk life and property by attempting a rescue, shipping companies will simply pay ransom to pirates.

This is the same reason vessels resist hiring armed guards — only about one in 100 merchant vessels in the region are affected; it is more economical to pay ransom as

if it were a tax on traveling through those waters.

The more pressing danger is that these funds are being used to buy arms by warlords — the de facto governors of Somalia — and by terrorist organizations.

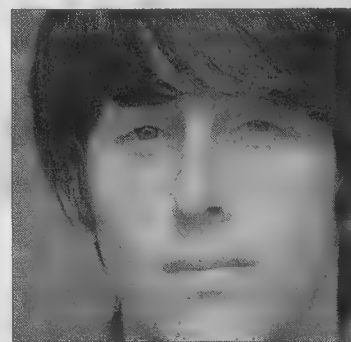
This includes Al Shabaab, a Somalia-based terrorist group that has been targeting Western relief organizations and other NGOs in Somalia since 2007, and who declared themselves to be an ally of Al-Qaeda last month.

Somalia hasn't had a U.N.-recognized government since 1991. Genocide in Sub-Saharan Africa may not have a tangible impact on the United States, but a lawless state that is the home of organized terrorist groups has the potential to repeat the heinous violence that rocked New York, Washington, D.C., London and Madrid in the last decade.

Since terrorism and piracy are equal threats to all Western nations, a unified, international approach must be made to secure the waters around the Horn of Africa.

Stop the pirates, stop the flow of cash to terrorists.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MAX KRIEGER

## Get your own back

Picture a typical weekend night: You and your friends go off to someone's room to hang out. Later in the evening, someone knocks on the door.

Soon, you are headed to court, have to explain everything to your parents and may even be kicked out of school.

This happens weekly at the University of Vermont and most universities across the nation. The question is, who is to blame?

Are the police being too stringent, or are the students being too wild?

In 2009, there were 268 alcohol violations and 349 drug violations on campus, according to uvm.edu. That is the highest combination of the two this decade.

**The police and the University must realize that many students act childish because they are being treated like children.**

In addition, 94 students were sent to detoxification in the fall semester 2009.

Ironically, it seems that both parties blame each other for these staggering statistics.

The police and the University want to keep an orderly campus free from the distractions and potential harm of drugs and alcohol.

Many students, on the other hand, feel as if they would be missing out on the college experience if they did not partake in such activities.

The University has tried to reconcile their differences by using half-hearted policies such as the "Got Your Back" policy and promoting programs such as Alcohol.edu.

Unfortunately, the "Got Your Back" policy is not in written form in the student guidebook and thus does not have any real instructions for use.

Furthermore, Alcohol.edu is seen by many as incredibly patronizing and is merely a repetition of past years spent in health class learning about the effects of drugs and alcohol.

What the police, the students and the University all seem to forget is that college students are adults.

The students are capable of making coherent decisions about their lifestyles. They can choose to drink or do drugs or not, but they also must realize that there are consequences to their actions.

The police and the University must realize that many students act childish because they are being treated like children.

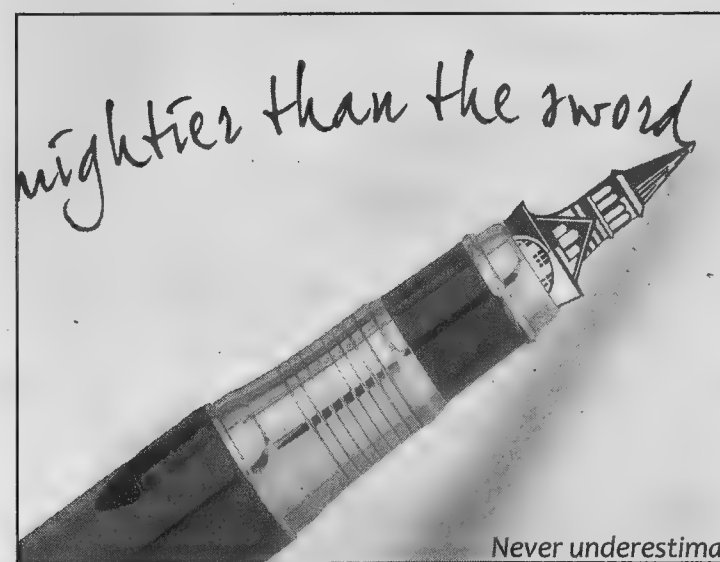
If college is to prepare you for real life, then the University should consider making it more realistic.

Do not overly shelter the students from the dangers that they will soon encounter after graduation, and in return do not sit on the fence about how to punish them if they truly commit a crime worth punishing.

At this point in the education process, students are held accountable for their work. There are no excuses and no one to make sure you do your work.

Why shouldn't life at college be governed by this same set of rules?

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



## OPINION

It's your pen. Your voice.  
Your way to make change.  
[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

Never underestimate the power of the written word.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Expand the right to vote

Dear Editor,

As a college freshman in 2008, I was extremely excited to be able to vote in my very first election.

However, I was disappointed to find that I was unable to select those candidates in the primary elections that I would be voting for in the general elections due to the fact that my birthday fell in October and the Vermont presidential primary elections are held in March.

During the 2008 Vermont Legislative Session, as a high school senior, I was a legislative intern through the Girl Scout Council of Vermont, and as such spent one day per week at

the Statehouse learning about the Vermont political system.

While at the Statehouse, two other interns and I proposed to Sen. Jeanette White, D-Windham, chair of Senate Government Operations Committee, the concept of a state constitutional amendment that would extend the right to vote in only the primary elections to 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the time of the general elections.

Since then, the amendment has passed both the House and the Senate in two consecutive bienniums and, in order to become enacted into law, the amendment must now pass a vote by the general public via ballot referendum this November.

I believe that this is an extremely important amendment because it is ensuring equal access to voting in the primary elections for all who will be voting in the general elections.

Even though the only people this amendment will affect are those who will turn 18 in the few months between the primary and the general elections, these people deserve an equal opportunity to select their general election candidates during the primary elections.

The 17-year-olds affected will be voting in the general election anyway; therefore they should have the opportunity to choose their party candidates for whom they will be voting for

in the general election by voting in the primary election.

The constitutional amendment is only extending the right to vote in the primary elections to the would-be 18-year-olds. This means they would be administered the voters' oath early, but would not have any other 18-year-old privileges such as running for office.

The exact wording of the amendment is as follows:

"Every person who will attain the full age of eighteen years by the date of the General election who is a citizen of the United States, having resided in this State for the period established by the General Assembly and who is of a quiet and peaceable behavior, and

will take the oath or affirmation set forth in this section, shall be entitled to vote in the primary election."

While this Amendment is extending equal voting privileges to just a small percentage of Vermont citizens, the necessity of ensuring these people equal voting is vital to ensuring democratic equality to all.

Please consider enacting this amendment when it is on the ballot in your hands this November.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Levasseur  
UVM class 2012



# Divine Dairy: UVM undergrads have a cow

By Liz Bruner

Staff Writer



A short distance from Harris-Millis, UVM students smell like cows. Literally.

These smelly students are involved in the CREAM program at UVM, where students run a dairy herd of about 30 cows and produce milk that is sold to local distributors.

CREAM is an acronym for the Cooperative for Real Education in Agricultural Management.

The students are responsible for many tasks at the barn.

Throughout the school year, students milk cows, clean stalls, manage the farm's business and take care of the Holstein and Jersey cows who produce milk.

Although a faculty adviser is there to support the students and provide knowledge, the students have the final say. "The team of students has final responsibility for making all of the management decisions," according to one of the guidelines of the program.

The CREAM president, senior Molly Kaplan, and her 16 fellow "CREAMers" spend a lot of time at the barn. "Most people spend about 15-20 hours at the barn per week, depending on time and their schedules," Kaplan said.

The CREAM program is part of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. According to the program's website, the program "places emphasis on experiential learning to develop interpersonal, teamwork and practical problem-solving skills."

"We sign up for chores and everyone has to put some weight into it," Kaplan said. "We have to pool our efforts together and there isn't one person who does all the hard work. Everyone has to contribute."

Students join CREAM for one school year or a summer session. Freshman animal science major Alicia Gorman joined the program this past fall.

After attending an information session, Gorman started the application process. "You have to do three chores with current CREAMers as sort of a tryout. There's an application to fill out and then you interview

with two actual CREAMers, and then they discuss amongst themselves who gets in," she said.

Once students are accepted into the program, the real work begins. Students are responsible for all operations at the barn, and there is always a CREAMer there. Between class and CREAM, the students learn how to manage their time and live on little sleep.

"You have to be willing to make sacrifices," sophomore Rebecca Calder said. Over holidays and breaks, CREAMers stick around to milk the cows and do their barn chores.

"We had to clean out the stalls, made sure to put feed carts out [for the cows], and some medical things," senior animal science major Alice Porco said.

The students learn the practicalities of taking care of large animals and how the dairy business works. UVM CREAM sells their milk to Agri-Mark, who takes the milk to be pasteurized and then sells the final product to companies such as Cabot or McAdams.

"Agri-Mark sells mostly to Cabot," Gorman said. The money made from the sale of milk to Agri-Mark goes right back into the CREAM program. UVM allocates a set amount of money for the program each month, and the sale of the milk that CREAM produces helps the program stay afloat, she said.

"With all our bills we pretty much break even," Gorman said. "It would be harder to break even if we were paying for labor, but our labor is free."

Even though the barn is a short distance from the Harris-Millis dining hall, CREAM does not produce milk directly for campus consumption.

"It would be nice from a sustainability point of view," Calder said. "But there probably wouldn't be enough to meet UVM's need," Calder said. "But UVM does buy Cabot cheese."

These students spend hours at the barn, on top of classes and extracurriculars, all so they can come home smelling like a cow. Is

it really worth it?

"I've gotten hurt by the animals," Kaplan said. "They're powerful animals and they can hurt you. You get a healthy respect [for that] when a cow pins you in a lot."

Gorman was affected by the beefing process, where male dairy cows that cannot produce milk are sent to the slaughterhouse. Old and sick cows that can no longer produce milk are also often sent to the slaughterhouse.

"I had a hard time with beefing. It's a sad process for me, but I know it's part of the world and that's part of the dairy business and production of our world," Gorman said.

For Calder, it's the timing of the milkings that is most challenging. "The worst thing is 3:30 a.m. milkings," she said. The milkings last until 8:30 a.m. and can be very exhausting, she said.

Porco had no prior experience working on a farm or with cows but decided to apply for CREAM anyway. "Going into it, I barely knew anything. But after two to three months, I could carry on conversations with actual farmers," she said.

Porco emphasizes the fact that CREAM is for students of all majors. "You can be any major," she said. "There are some people who are art majors and love cows or they grew up on a farm. It helps out on applications and resumes. It's a cool experience you can't get in many other places."

Calder agrees. "People don't realize how interesting cow personalities are. They sort of become your pets," she said. "It's cool to have that responsibility and care for them. It's something you don't get in any other class at UVM."

Photos by Bailey Cummings







Illustration by Aaron Benjamin Lopez-Barrantes

## No more forks in the compost pile for UVM

### Intervale Compost refuses to accept utensils

By Liz Bruner  
Staff Writer

Eating with utensils made from corn is no longer such an eco-friendly option.

Within the past few weeks, signs have been posted around the Davis Center's takeout food areas stating that "compostable" forks, knives and spoons, which are offered as disposable silverware, are no longer being accepted in the compost bin.

The Intervale Center, where all UVM food waste goes, is no longer taking these materials for their compost piles.

The utensils were not breaking down, and there is concern about contamination in Intervale's compost product, Intervale staff member Eric Van Vlandren said.

"Compost takes time to mature. It's usually a 10-month process," Van Vlandren said. "We were getting so many compostable items [in our compost] and we realized that they didn't break down."

Staff at Intervale met with distributors and cafeterias in the area and decided that compostable cutlery items were not working well as compost, Van Vlandren said.

Since this issue arose, UVM is now encouraging students to put vegetable-based cutlery items into the trash.

Cathy Barrows, a manager at the Davis Center's Food Services areas, said that she feels the effects of this dilemma.

"In order for the utensils to break down, the utensils need a high heat that would be found at the Intervale Compost," Barrows said. "Without this heat, the compostable utensils will not break down, which means they will not break down in the landfill."

Because of students' demands for compostable utensils, Food Services is trying to find an alternative, she said.

Currently the Davis Center offers the formerly compostable utensils, intended for people to take them "to-go," and reusable flatware, intended for people who eat in the Davis Center.

The metal flatware is washed and reused once it is returned to the dishwashing area.

"Before, many students would take the compostable silverware even if they were going to eat at Davis. Now we find most people are using the flatware," Barrow said.

"It's a good thing. We've purchased more [flatware] and I am working with the Eco-Reps in the building to remind students to return the flatware," she said. "It doesn't make sense if we keep buying flatware and the students are throwing it out."

Van Vlandren said he recommends a basic change to UVM's choice of cutlery. "[Use] metal utensils and reuse them," he said. "A metal knife, fork and spoon could last for 100 years."

Reusing items is the only real way to keep items out of the landfill or compost bucket, Erica Spiegel from UVM's Recycling and Solid Waste Office, said.

"The only real option is to go to real washable flatware," she said. "That's the challenge. It's fine in residential dining areas, but in takeout areas it's more costly for dining services to buy flatware."

Spiegel commended the Davis Center for its green efforts. "The Davis Center does a better job at providing real utensils," Spiegel said. "The Marché and Waterman Café, Bailey Howe Café and McAuley Hall are less inclined to have washables because they don't have dishwashers."

The UVM Eco-Reps program has worked on campaigns to reduce plastic water bottle use on campus and encourage people to bring their own reusable coffee mug. Spiegel hopes that people will start using their own utensils too.

"The only other option is get[ting] people to carry their own fork," she said.

## An array of cultural cuisine at Duino Duende caters to palates

By Alexis Smith  
Cynic Correspondent

Radio Bean — a popular café with live music on North Winooski Avenue — expanded its repertoire by adding a restaurant called Duino Duende right next door in November 2009.

The name reveals it all: Duino is the name of a town in Northern Italy and Duende is a complicated Spanish phrase, which describes the arts with a flare of emotion and authenticity.

Already a happening place, Radio Bean decided to incorporate a new element of "street food international." The menu consists of a blend of different cuisines and each dish indicates its place of origin, representing the U.S.

with Vermont, Louisiana and California, as well as more distant places like Korea, Europe and the Middle East.

The options range from vegetarian and vegan dishes to a meat lover's array of sliders, a chorizo sausage sandwich, an authentic Cubano sandwich and much more.

I sampled the Je T'aime plate, which is a crepe stuffed with slices of chicken, mushroom and cheese drizzled with a mildly spicy sauce.

It was served with a side salad and baguette slices with a savory herb butter, which resembled goat cheese but tasted sweet instead of tangy with its smooth texture.

I also ate the Shin Ramyun — which was recommended to me

by my server — to try the Korean cuisine. I was shocked by the intensity of the spices, so much so that I disliked it.

While the soup contained a nice assortment of vegetables — including carrots and shitake mushrooms — the broth was too fiery to enjoy.

Duino Duende offers a stimulating selection of food and provides a fun twist to the ordinary meal. The friendly and laid back ambiance of the restaurant will lure you in with its good service and tasty food.

It's a great place to experience the talent of not only the Burlington musicians but also the unique cuisine that has lived up to Burlington's distinct reputation as a hipster college town.

## More to love? More to wear.

### THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA &amp; CINDY AMOAKO

Here at the Style Files, we love to celebrate all the different body types out there. We think everyone has the capacity to be absolutely sizzling, no matter what the size label on your jeans says.

With that said, we are devoting this issue exclusively to the wonderful plus-sized gals out there!

It can be really difficult finding stylish clothes that fit a more voluptuous frame.

Many of the popular brands don't carry larger sizes, and if they do, they only go up to the smaller plus sizes. But not to fret! There are so many choices available to get yourself looking good.

Torrid might be a familiar store that caters specifically to larger sizes. It is chock full of trendy selections to try such as boyfriend blazers, colored jeans and jeggings. Avenue is also a great established plus-size store with the same chic aesthetic.

Forever 21 has created a plus-size line called Faith 21. There are a wide variety of cute jeans, dresses and tops, all for the same affordable Forever 21 price. Frugalistas rejoice!

You might be surprised to know that many brands actually do carry larger sizes. They just might be only

available online.

American Eagle is one example and, speaking of internet shopping, the popular online store Alloy.com carries extended sizes as well. Go get your shop on!

If we try to think of style icons, we can name more than a few off the top of our heads. But try to name plus-sized fashionistas and it's much harder. If you are new on your style journey, it will be so much easier for you if you have people to look up to.

Queen Latifah has wonderful red carpet style. She consistently picks dresses that play up her bust and waist, in skin-complimenting colors and fabrics. Her look is all about emphasizing what she loves about her body.

The Gossip singer Beth Ditto is a more unconventional choice of a style star.

Her color play, large patterns and tight clothes defy the rules of plus-sized dressing, but she is a perfect example of how confidence makes a huge difference.

For further inspiration, try full-figured friendly blogs. YoungFatandFabulous.com is a great site to see real style from the author as well as girls who inspire her. And this blog has links to many other blogs dedicated to the same population.

Remember — it's not the size on the label, it's the way the clothes fit on you. Don't get hung up on your weight or the fact that society still caters to smaller sizes — you can still be who you are and look good.

### Role Models Wanted

YMCA Camp Abnaki, a boys-only resident and day camp in North Hero, VT, seeks responsible staff for our summer camp programs. Staff receive a week of training in youth development, behavior management, group leadership, and much more. Positions are salaried and include room and board. Positions are for 9 or 10 weeks, from June 13/20-August 21.

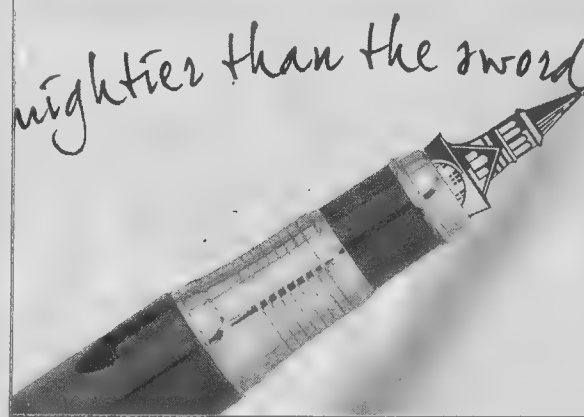
Available positions include:

- Male Cabin Counselors
- Assistant Waterfront Director
- Sailing Program Coordinator
- Arts & Crafts Prog. Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant



For more information, visit [www.campabnaki.org](http://www.campabnaki.org), email Jeremy at [jplane@gbymca.org](mailto:jplane@gbymca.org), or stop by our table at the UVM Job Fair on March 24.

A program of the Greater Burlington YMCA





03.23-03.29

tues

CARIE FERRELL  
HITCHHIKING  
MINI-WHITE - SOUND  
OF EVERYTHING WE  
WANT

4 p.m.  
BWI in Hall

fri

CONCRETE EXHIBITION  
7 p.m.  
TOWN SQUARE

sat

IVAN HIGDON  
CHAMBER  
ORCHESTRA  
8 p.m.  
Southwick Hall

THE RAINY DAY AFTER  
EGG PRINTING  
TAUGHT BY ARTIST  
THERESA SOMERSET  
1 p.m.  
FRUIT HILL

sun

THE RUBY SUNS  
HARD ROCK  
8 p.m.  
Monkey House  
Windsor

mon

MONOLOGUE NIGHT  
LOVE, LIES & LIPS  
PERFORMED BY  
WILLIS  
8 p.m.  
Monkey House

# Folk act jams multi-instrumentally

## Virginia-based Keller Williams fuses diverse genres

By Colin Driscoll  
Staff Writer

Whether it's bluegrass, folk, alternative rock, electronica, reggae, jazz or funk, Keller Williams plays it all.

On March 27 at Higher Ground, the one-man jam band from Fredericksburg, Va. will be rocking out during their one-night show.

Williams' instruments of choice are just as diverse as his musical style. In addition to singing, it wouldn't be a surprise to see him pick up and play guitar, bass guitar or piano — all in one night.

While this might sound scatter-brained to some, Williams' reasoning for his constantly changing routine is quite simple.

"I can't play the same type of music all night without getting bored," he said.

Williams has neither a favorite instrument nor type of music, though all of his music is rooted in acoustic guitar — which he has been playing since age 13.

Williams incorporates various elements of Michael Hedges, The Grateful Dead, Victor Wooten, Bobby McFerrin and Phish to create a musical style all his own. He has used elements of

all of their music in some way, Williams said.

Music was not his first career choice. He did not even have his first gig until three years after he started playing music.

After graduating from Virginia Wesleyan College, he decided to pursue music as a career.

**"I can't play the same type of music all night without getting bored."**

Keller Williams

He advises young musicians to follow a similar path and not only rely on music-based job.

"Play for yourself," he said, "but you should definitely have a backup plan."

In the years since he began performing, Williams has toured with bands such as The String Cheese Incident, Umphrey's McGee, Yonder Mountain String Band and Ratdog.

As it is impossible to play so many instruments at once, Williams uses a technique known



C. TAYLOR CRUTHERS | Madison House Publicity

as live phrase sampling, or looping.

He records his music as he is playing on stage — as opposed to before the concert, as many musicians do. He then plays the recording back while playing another instrument, allowing

him to layer his sounds.

The doors for the solo show open at 8 p.m., and the show begins at 9. The show — open to all ages — still has tickets available for \$23.

## Art Review

# A family gathering

## Local artist Clark Derbes finds a family in sculpture

By Madeline Gibson  
Staff Writer

On March 5, Clark Derbes' "A Family Gathering: Sculptures and Relatives" debuted at JDK Design Studio.

His latest work features wooden sculptures, ink paintings and gouaches on birch panels by the Burlington artist.

At the front of the exhibit, one is immediately welcomed by free standing, carved birch wood prisms.

"The sculptures are translated manifestations of Clark's actual friends and relatives," JDK Asst. Creative Director Madelyn Feldman said.

"Each certainly takes on its own personality, obviously reflective of the people they embody ... being able to compare the pieces reflective of them to the actual beings," she said.

Derbes purposely stained these wood carvings in colors ranging from soft, simple white to blood orange.

These shades help invite the viewer to observe the pieces in odd, yet structured, carved angles.

The "sculptures and relatives" are individuals, taking on their own form and personality like that of a person.

The placement of these objets, a family of their own, resembles the gathering Clark Derbes has suggested each viewer see.

Freshman Adeline Bouras found the connection between Derbes' art and the exhibit's name "A Family Gathering" particularly profound.

"As I moved my way through the different gallery sections, the arrangement of each piece worked well with those surrounding it. The medium and the techniques used were so similar, but their appearance made them quite different," she said.

The JDK Gallery meanders through a renovated grocery store into an open basement. Its exposed ceiling, piping and floor boards provide an abstract frame for Derbes' unique art.

The exhibit, composed of two floors, uses the atmosphere of the gallery in his work.

The mood and tone of the work shifts from the upstairs exhibit to the pieces hung on the wall of the basement.

The basement is a testament to a transformation from a soft tone to something more urban. A skate ramp and a mural of giant heads highlight the shift.

Vibrating painted flat pieces of wood line the basement to produce a 3-D quality from certain angles.

Derbes' ability to incorporate multiple dimensions in a flat, two dimensional piece is what makes his work strikingly unique.

album review



# Beat gets louder in New Zealanders' latest album

By Chris Leo Palermino  
Arts Editor

Yeastayer's smash hit "Odd Blood," released last month, may have a worthy competitor on the other side of the world.

"Fight Softly," the third album by New Zealand trio The Ruby Suns, hopes to become another part of the electropop canon of recent past along with the most recent releases from The Very Best and Animal Collective.

Another band from sub pop, Ryan McPhun leads the band in anthemic, expansive songs. While the band has been around since 2003, "Fight" develops their electronic beats and loops akin to the latest trends.

Yet, while the similarities are too easy not to notice, their pop is definitely original and infectious.

On "Papatuanuku," Afro-pop percussion shines beneath McPhun's melodious, catchy tenor.

"Cranberry" mixes Vampire Weekend and Yeasayer as it strives to groove the dance floor.

And "Dusty Fruit" could quite easily be another track from Yeasayer's latest. With

bright loops and tropical influences, it shimmers with shiny beats.

Although delightfully obvious why the band calls itself The Ruby Suns, "Fight" also features more introspective songs.

These layered tracks bring to light their dream pop sensibilities. Spacey "Closet Astrologer" could woo just about anyone into the trivial job with a personal, ethereal argument.

While catchy, the Suns overdo the electronic layering on many of the tracks. McPhun's airy, enchanting voice should be more prominent.

Similarly, they would probably do better by toning down the Animal Collective-esque sampling and crescendoing.

They may have hit a bit of electro fever and they fight louder than the title insinuates, but the New Zealanders do offer a worthy addition to electropop of the last couple of years.

Catch The Ruby Suns this Sunday at the Monkey House at 9 p.m. with chillwave solo act Toro Y Moi.



# CALENDAR

**tues.23: FREE CONE DAY!**

**all day. ben & jerry's**

**weds.24: PUB QUIZ**

**9pm. brennan's pub**

**thur.25: DR. ANGELA DAVIS SPEAKS**

**7pm. ira allen chapel**

**thur.25: COMEDIAN PAUL VARGHESE**

**8pm. brennan's**

**fri.26: STEP AFRIKA**

**7pm, ira allen chapel**

**sat.27: MOVIE: UP IN THE AIR**

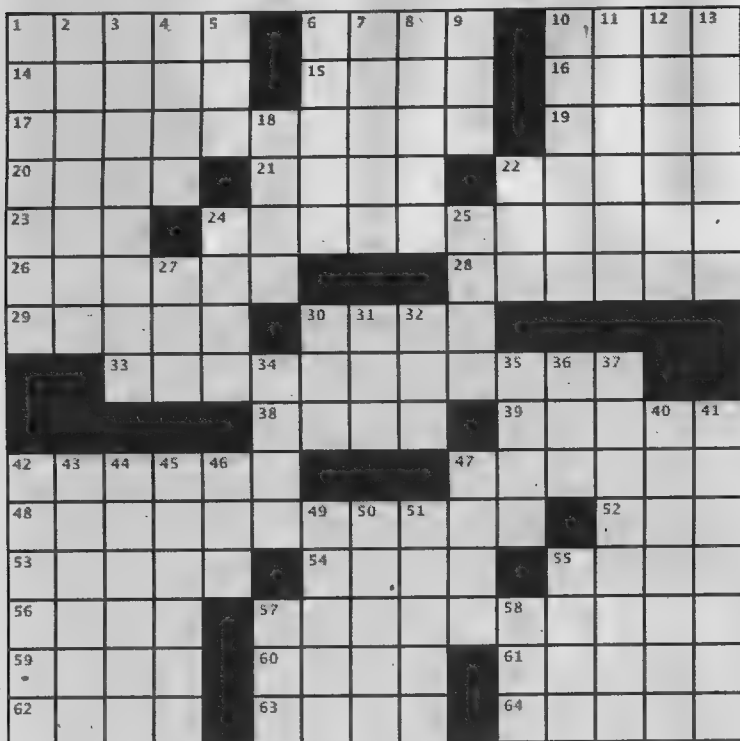
**8pm, billings lecture hall**

**uvm.edu/bored**



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## ACROSS

1- Hiding place  
6- Cupola  
10- Kind of prof.  
14- Forbidden  
15- Slaughter of baseball  
16- Demonstrate  
17- Curtailment  
19- Call at home  
20- Letters, e.g.  
21- Search thoroughly  
22- Beau \_\_\_\_  
23- Connections  
24- Unmerciful  
26- Stupid person  
28- Ceremonial prayer  
29- Freud contemporary  
30- \_\_\_\_ Domini.  
33- Approximations  
38- Upon us  
39- Spoil  
42- Destiny  
47- Supple  
48- Having a thin body build  
52- Here, to Henri  
53- Peruses

54- Archer of myth

55- Sorts

56- Spouse

57- Determine the

quantity of

59- Sponsorship

60- This, in Tijuana

61- Pertaining to

sound

62- Denomination

63- Antlered animal

64- Sacred song

## DOWN

1- Endurance

2- Bloodsucking fly

3- In a bristling state

4- Earth

5- Coal scuttle

6- Object

7- Upright

8- One-twelfth of a

year

9- Cornerstone abbr.

10- Declare

11- California peak

12- Alleviate

13- Like a professor's

jacket

18- Steps down to an

Indian river

22- Moo goo \_\_\_\_ pan

24- "Java" trumpeter

25- "The Time

Machine" race

27- Basketball Hall of

Famer Unseld

30- Parisian pal

31- Henpeck

32- Advanced degree?

34- A big fan of

35- Auricular

36- Where some vets

served

37- Hissing

40- Narrow scarf

41- Divide into three

parts

42- Red dye

43- Glacial epoch

44- Lacking movement

45- Free from

ostentation

46- Dash lengths

47- Catalog

49- Employ again

50- Babble

51- High public

esteem

55- Langston Hughes

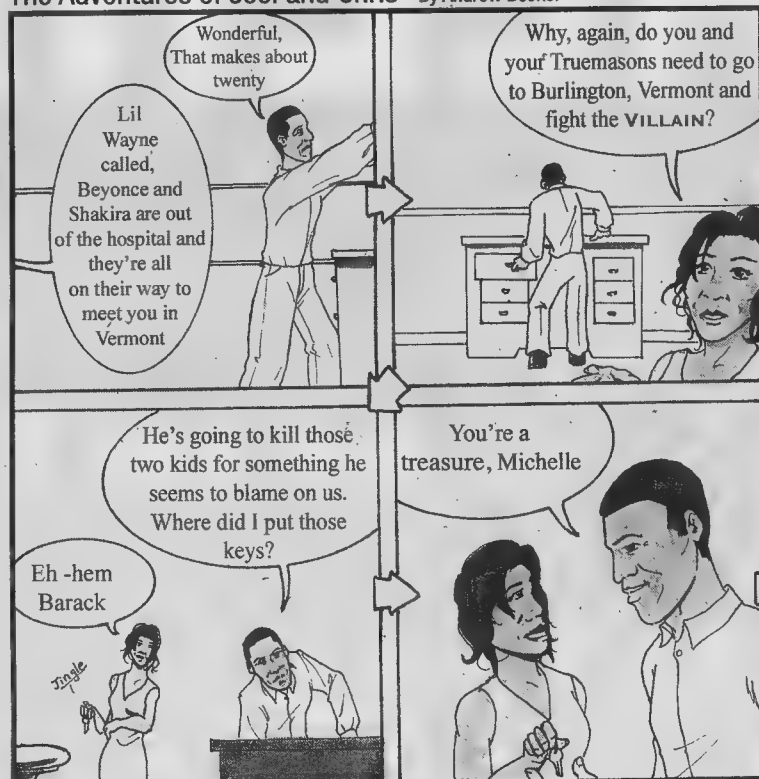
poem

57- Proof letters

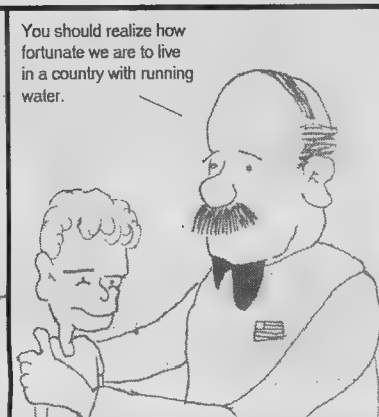
58- Doctrine

# Comics

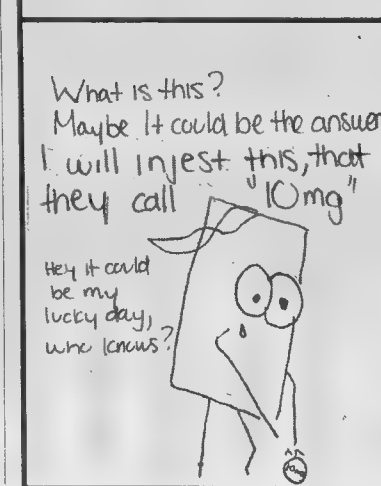
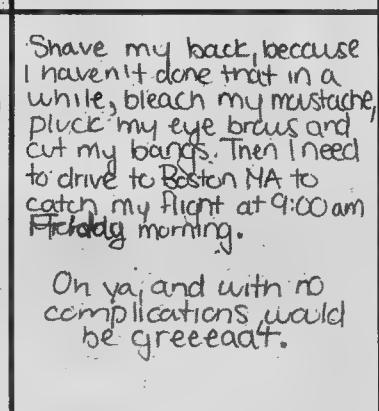
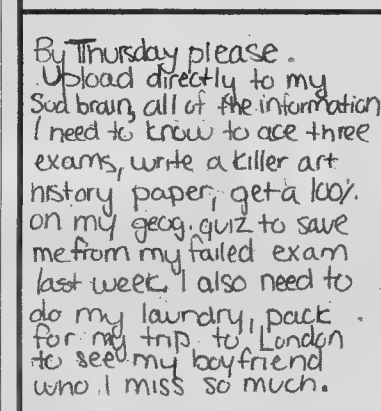
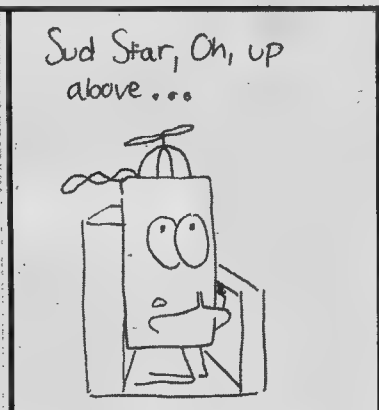
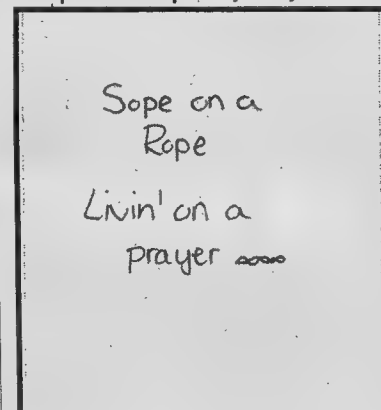
The Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



No Good Reason By R. Valenti

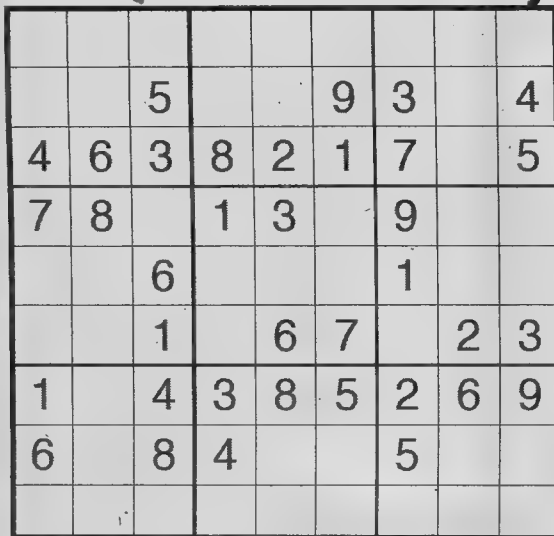


Soap on a Rope By Ashley Frisoli



# Sudoku

## Easy



## Hard



**Life Together:**  
Inclusive,  
Inquiring,  
Instructive  
Ecumenical  
Christian  
worship  
service.

Sundays at  
6:30 p.m. in  
the Ira Allen  
Chapel. The  
services are

offered by  
Cooperative  
Christian  
Ministry  
(CCM) at UVM.  
Contact [ccm@uvm.edu](mailto:ccm@uvm.edu)





Senior defenseman Patrick Cullity controls the puck behind the UVM net in a game against Boston University. The Cats will be making another appearance in the NCAA tournament this season. **BRYANT HUGHES** | The Vermont Cynic

## Cats hope to do well in national tournament despite past

By Jack Stratton Spina  
Cynic correspondent

The last two national champions were also the champs of the Hockey East conference, arguably the strongest and most competitive conference in NCAA hockey.

For the Cats, however, recent success in the Hockey East tournament did not lead to success in their hunt for a national title.

Last year's Frozen Four appearance was preceded by

a poor showing in the Hockey East tournament, losing in the quarterfinals. The year before that, the Cats were in the Hockey East championship game against the eventual national champs, Boston College, but failed to make the national tournament at all.

Last week the Cats made a big statement in the Hockey East tournament beating top-seeded University of New Hampshire in a three-game series.

While the first game was a difficult loss — 7-4 in a

shootout after holding a 4-2 lead going into the third — the Cats bounced back and won the next two games 1-0 on Wildcat ice, the last of which was won in overtime.

The star of the series was sophomore goalie Rob Madore who, after a disappointing opening game, played with something to prove in the following two games.

Madore became the first goalie to give UNH back-to-back shutouts on home ice in the Wildcats' 86-year history. One

of these was a 34-save game to win the series in overtime.

"There were a couple of saves he made in overtime, I'm not sure how he did it," Vermont head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "It was almost one of those where my shoulders were beginning to drop because I thought we were done and he came up with some spectacular saves and really kept us in there."

"It's very nice to be able to come back and have two more solid performances after kind of costing the team the first night,"

Madore said. "That was as much of an offensive shutout as I've seen. Forwards were blocking shots and we just out muscled them in their defensive zone and they couldn't handle us down low."

The Catamounts again had trouble with the Hockey East Tournament, losing to Boston College in the semifinals.

The Cats did earn an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, though, and will take on Wisconsin on March 26.

## Women's club hockey takes a trip to nationals

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

The UVM women's club hockey team took a trip to Minnesota to play in the national tournament over spring break. This is the first time that the program has made it this far.

While the team has been recognized as a club team for four years, they have only been part of the NEWCHL league for two.

"The coaches and girls were extremely excited to make it to nationals," coach Mike Kiefer said. "The team has a lot to be proud of; being selected as one of the top six teams in the league is very impressive. This is a big step for such a new program, and I feel the experience will prove to be valuable as the team continues to grow next year."

The team took on opponents from the University of Delaware, Rainy River Community College and the University of South Dakota. Although the team put forth a strong effort, they were defeated in the tournament.

"We lost to UD 3-2, Rainy River 4-1 and South Dakota 7-4," junior captain Joanna Riley said. "The competition

at this tournament was a lot more intense than what we are used to in our regular season."

The final game for fifth place was against South Dakota. The team was down 6-1 in the third period but they didn't stop fighting. They scored three goals within the final twenty minutes making it 6-4.

South Dakota scored once again bringing the game to a close at 7-4.

"This was the program's first trip to nationals ever, and I thought we played well," Kiefer said. "Obviously we didn't get the results we were hoping for when we arrived in Minnesota, but we did prove we can play with anyone in our league."

Although the team did not come out with the championship title, they still finished sixth in the league. They are confident about the upcoming years and hope to make it to nationals once again.

"I really expect that we will make it to nationals again, and our program is only going to get stronger so our chances of winning will only increase," sophomore Hope Simpson said.



## BU SUMMER'10

Learn. Explore. Discover.

This summer, experience one of the world's top-ranked universities—in one of the nation's great college towns. Boston University Summer Term has 700 courses to choose from, in over 70 subjects. Study with award-winning faculty. Fulfill your academic goals. **And fall in ♥ with Boston.**

Learn more at [bu.edu/summer](http://bu.edu/summer).

Summer 1: May 18-June 25  
Summer 2: June 28-August 6

Boston University Summer Term

An equal opportunity, affirmative action institution.

**BOSTON**  
UNIVERSITY





DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

Vermont senior Marqus Blakely dunking the ball at Patrick Gym. Though Blakely made his share of dunks against Syracuse, the Cats did not advance to the second round of the tournament.

## Vermont shows resilience, but Orange too much to handle

### Syracuse defeats Vermont in NCAA Tournament Round

By Will Andreycak  
Asst. Sports Editor

As soon as this match-up was announced last Sunday on the CBS selection show, it was intriguing and filled with history.

Vermont holds an infamous place in the history of Syracuse basketball, one of the top programs in the nation.

In 2005 Vermont earned a 13 seed and was matched up against the fourth-seeded Orange of Syracuse. What ensued? The game that has since gone down as the most important game in the history of UVM athletics.

Vermont upset Syracuse in overtime by a score of 70-67 and became only the seventeenth team since the tournament format was changed to a 65-team field to be ranked thirteen and knock off a four seed.

This year when it was announced that Vermont had earned a sixteen seed against the top-seeded Syracuse, fans from both Syracuse and Vermont had to smile.

Vermont won the opening tip, immediately brought the ball over the half court line and

ran a play for Maurice Joseph, who stepped into a three-pointer at the top of the key and put Vermont up 3-0; Vermont would not lead again.

Syracuse used an early 20-2 run to immediately put distance between themselves and Vermont and erase the hope for a 2005 repeat.

Early on, the Catamounts did not have an answer for the 2-3 zone of Syracuse and struggled to contain the transition and three-point attack of the Orange. But as the first half came to a close Vermont went on a 15-2 run which cut the Orange lead to 12 at half time.

Syracuse came out in the second half and made four three-pointers in the first four minutes to put the game out of reach for good, on their way to 79-56 win.

Wes Johnson led Syracuse with 18 points but the key for the Orange was their balanced attack offensively; five Syracuse players scored double figures.

"They're all good. All of them can shoot. All of them rebound. They are really good in the zone," junior Evan Fjeld said. "They get out in passing lanes and they make it difficult

for you."

In his last game wearing a Vermont uniform, senior Marqus Blakely recorded 17 points, nine rebounds and four steals.

"I told all the young guys you only get one chance in college. You have to play every game as hard as you can for 40 minutes," Blakely said. "I wish every teammate the best and hopefully they can get back here. My freshman year we missed it by one. I just hope they don't have to experience that and they'll be able to get back here soon enough."

Vermont shot only 5-22 from behind the arc, a percentage that makes it difficult against such a talented team as Syracuse.

"We just didn't make shots. Even our good shooters, wide open, I kept thinking, 'the next one will go in, the next one will go in.' They did a great job taking our inside game out of it," Vermont Head Coach Mike Lonergan said. "I'm proud of our guys. They hung in there. We had some open looks and couldn't do it."

## Catamounts make it two straight

### Ladies hold onto fragile lead to win America East, beat Wisconsin in first round of NCAA tournament

By Donny O'Neill  
Staff Writer

The University of Vermont women's basketball team is building something of a dynasty.

The Catamounts have won the tournament championship two years in a row, posting a 47-18 record during that

span.

The team came out of the gate fast, taking a commanding 18-point lead at halftime over the Hawks. After the Hawks took a three-point lead in the opening moments of the game, the Catamounts went on a scorching 18-1 run to take at 17-point lead with under six minutes remaining in the half.

The Catamount defense was sharp as they held Hartford to zero field goals for 10 and half minutes, and just four of their first 16 shots from the field.

The second half was a different story. The Hawks' defensive stronghold held Vermont to just 18 percent shooting from the field. In addition, they ramped up their offense and went on an 11-2 run of their own, cutting Vermont's lead to nine with under 12 minutes to play.

Vermont senior Courtney Pilypaitis drained her third three-point shot of the night with two minutes left, increasing the Catamount lead to six, a lead that the Hawks would not be able to overcome.

"I think we just said to ourselves to lock down defensively, and once we did that, it just turned into great

offense, we kind of got away from that in the second half," Pilypaitis said.

"We knew they'd come back, but that's what leads are for," Dawley said. "When we were up by 18, no way did I think we were going to win by 18 or more. It was just, 'Good, we have a cushion, because when they come back, we'll be OK.'"

The Cats used their momentum to beat Wisconsin in the first round of the NCAA tournament with a score of 64-55.

Though Vermont was a 10 seed and Wisconsin was a 7 seed, the ladies pulled off the upset in the first-ever meeting between the two teams in women's basketball.

Pilypaitis led the way with 25 points, 8 rebounds, and four assists. Kotsopoulos added 14 points to the total.

The victory was the first NCAA tournament win for the team, and their season will continue into the second round where they will play Notre Dame on March 23.



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

Vermont senior May Kotsopoulos fighting for the ball at a game at Patrick Gym.

LAST WEEK

#### Men's basketball

3/13

Vermont 83,  
Boston University 70

In the championship game of the America East Conference, Marqus Blakely recorded 24 points, 18 rebounds and five assists and Nick Vier scored 15 points including 4-4 from three-point range. Vermont shot 58 percent from the floor on their way to earning their fourth NCAA Tournament bid in school history.

#### Women's basketball

3/13

Vermont 55,  
No. 19 Hartford 50

Senior Courtney Pilypaitis scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds on her way to being named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament for the second straight year.

#### Men's hockey

3/14

East quarterfinals  
No. 19 Vermont 1,  
No. 10 New Hampshire 0

Jay Anctil scored the game-winning goal with 4:42 left in overtime to propel Vermont to the Hockey East semi-finals. Sophomore goalie Rob Madore made 34 saves recording his second shutout in as many games.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 3/24  
Women's lacrosse  
@ Boston College  
4 p.m.

Saturday 3/27  
Men's lacrosse @  
Delaware  
1 p.m.





IT'S A NOISY WORLD  
There is more to sound than waves

POLITICALLY SLANTED EDUCATION  
A look at UVM's liberal reputation

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, March 30, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 23 | Burlington, Vermont



CATAMOUNTS FALL  
TO WISCONSIN

Men's hockey season  
wraps up with a close loss

## Mensah wins

See page 3 for full story



Courtesy of UVMtv

SGA President-elect Kofi Mensah finds out he won during an interview with UVMtv on Thursday evening. Mensah was elected by a margin of 46 votes in the highest voter turnout in SGA history.

## Rooney demands retrial for murder of UVM student

Defense argues unreliable DNA evidence

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

The man jailed for the murder of UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn could have his life sentence reversed.

Brian Rooney was sentenced by the Vermont Supreme Court in 2006 for the murder of the 21-year-old student. However, Rooney's lawyer said that he deserves a new trial because of unreliable DNA samples used to convict him.

Anna Saxman, Rooney's defense lawyer, wants a new trial because she said that she felt his conviction was unfair.

Rooney was sentenced to life in prison without parole for Gardner-Quinn's murder and was convicted largely on DNA evidence, William Sorrell, attorney general for the state of Vermont, said.

The physical DNA evidence that was used to convict Rooney was semen, Sorrell said.

"There was no other physical evidence tying Brian to the crime. No fibers, no hair, no bloodstains

— nothing," Saxman said. "There was nothing on her body, on him, in his car, on his clothes — nothing. However, he was the last person seen with her, but there was no other physical evidence other than the DNA."

Saxman said that she questions the reliability of the test results because the sample size used to convict Rooney was 0.24 nanograms, an amount that she said was too small to prove to be reliable.

"The state has agreed that they have to do in-house validation studies when their sample size is so small," she said. "Here, they did them, they didn't give them to us, and we believe that the studies did not show that the lab could consistently get good results with such a small sample."

But the state claims that Rooney's attorney never asked for test results, Sorrell said.

The lab also verified that the DNA was in fact Rooney's, he said.

"Here, we did get scientifically verified test results that showed

see MURDER on page 2

## Renowned activist and scholar Angela Davis comes to UVM

By Amanda Hayward  
Cynic Correspondent

Being charged with murder, facing the death penalty three times and working with the Black Panthers are only a few of the things that Dr. Angela Davis can say she has done. Now, speaking in Ira Allen Chapel can be added to that list.

"Tonight it is fitting that we kick off with someone who exemplifies the strength and courage of women across the world," President Daniel Mark Fogel said.

Davis' speech marks the start of the Blackboard Jungle 3 Symposium, Fogel said. "The Blackboard Jungle Symposium aids to complement the key tenets of our six-credit diversity requirement," Fogel said.

The symposium is designed to help educators address the challenges of approaching issues like equality, social justice and cultural competence, according to a statement from the Office of the Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs and Academic Initiatives.

Davis spoke to a diverse crowd at Ira Allen Chapel on March 25.

"I was your age in the '60s

and [Davis] was a real firebrand," Marilyn Gillis, a Shelbourne resident, said. "She's someone I've admired for a long time."

Before the event even started, there was a buzz of anticipation in the room that freshman Jamie Jackson said she noticed.

"I'm excited to sit in the second row and hear her speak," she said. "Not a lot of people get that opportunity."

UVM Professor Rashad Shabazz brought Davis to the University.

**"Davis taught me that  
it's better to speak  
with a trembling voice  
than to be voiceless."**

Rashad Shabazz  
UVM Professor

Davis served as his dissertation advisor for six years, Shabazz said. "Angela means a lot to me as a scholar and as a mentor," he said. "We read Angela in my classes."

Davis discussed many

subjects during her speech, including women's rights, ethnic studies, her time spent in prison, the state of the public education system today and gender equality.

"People in some places — not Burlington — have problems thinking about transgender or gender non-conformity," Davis said. "It is logical to assume that decades from now, transgender issues will be common sense."

Freshman Jen Gustafson said that she had a very positive reaction to Davis' speech.

"Last semester, my women and gender studies class focused a lot on Dr. Davis and her work, so seeing her speak in person was an amazing experience for me," Gustafson said.

The faculty members in attendance said they had high hopes for what students will take from this event.

"I hope they recognize the important scholarly activist contributions that Angela Davis has made to how we think about and conceptualize freedom," Shabazz said.

President Fogel said he felt similarly.

"I hope that students develop a passionate commitment to make a difference, and persistence in the face of adversity," he said.



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Dr. Angela Davis speaks to a full house at Ira Allen Chapel on March 25. The topics ranged from gender equality to ethnic studies, and is part of the Blackboard Jungle 3 Symposium.



## Senate approves increase in student federal aid

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

The US senate approved \$36 billion dollars in federal aid which could help students across the country to attend college.

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) announced on March 18 the approval of legislation providing \$36 billion nationwide for student financial aid in federally-issued Pell grants.

"This money will go into substantially increasing the number of young people who will be eligible for Pell grants, and the size of those grants," Sen. Sanders said.

Federal financial aid Pell grants are available to students based solely on their financial need.

"Instead of large banks profiting on the administering of federally granted loans, what we have done is cut the middlemen out of that process," Sen. Sanders said.

With this legislation approved, the average Pell grant would go from \$5,550 in the next school year to \$5,975 in 2017, according to a Senate press release.

Last year, Vermont students received \$27 million in Pell grants — now this figure will climb to \$45 million next year and \$67 million by 2017.

"UVM's financial aid budget — including athletic grants — was about \$62 million last year," Marie Johnson, director of Student Financial Services, said. "We exceeded that budget."

Of UVM's 10,372 undergraduates, 2,188 received

Pell grants this past fiscal year. However, 8,000 students also received some sort of aid from the University through scholarships, grants, loans and payment plans, Johnson said.

"More students are starting to fall into the category where they are eligible for aid," Johnson said.

House Democrats attached the student aid initiative in the

**"Even people who had intentions of paying outright are needing to receive financial assistance."**

**Marie Johnson**  
Director of Student Financial Services

final amendments to the health care bill. This eliminated a \$60 billion federal subsidy program supporting private student loans and replacing it with government lending, according to *The Washington Post*.

"In this economy," Johnson said, "even people who had intentions of paying outright are needing to receive financial assistance."

"We try to be creative and proactive when working with families to figure out some sort of financial plan," Johnson said.

Still, sometimes federal aid is necessary.

"The University is not necessarily always able to meet that need," Johnson said.

## Campus Kitchen wins \$25,000

By Emily Knight  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM's Campus Kitchen received the first place prize of a \$25,000 grant from Newman's Own Foundation in the first ever Campus Community Service Challenge.

Campus Kitchen works with the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf to alleviate hunger in the Burlington area, a consultant for the Newman's Own Foundation said.

Sarah Heim, the club adviser for UVM's Campus Kitchen, is hopeful that the grant will allow UVM's programs to expand and maximize their impact in the community.

"It will give students the opportunity to participate in more educational experiences and national conferences, which will help them more effectively lead Campus Kitchens," she said.

Most of the grant money is already allocated for specific program areas, Heim said.

Half of the total \$25,000 grant will go directly to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf to help fund basic operations and staff, she said.

A portion of the remaining funds will support the Gleaning Project, which is in partnership with The Intervale Center and provides locally grown organic food for the weekly meals and nutrition classes, Heim said.

The grant is also going to help tremendously with nutrition and cooking classes this summer, Danielle Tompkins, nutrition coordinator for Campus Kitchens, said.

Five nutrition students completing their practicum



**ELLEN BRUNSGAARD** | The Vermont Cynic  
Mara Wineberg and Leah Renert of Campus Kitchen, collecting food for preparation. The club was recently granted a large amount of food supplies for its efforts.

requirement for dietetics this year are teaching the classes, she said.

"The classes teach clients how to prepare a meal, as well as talk about the nutritional components of the food," she said.

The nutrition and cooking classes currently take place at five sites around the Burlington area: The O'Brien Center, The LUND Center, CareNet, Saint Joseph's House and the Boys & Girls Club," she said.

The students will be able to teach more classes this summer and expand from five to seven locations with this grant, she said.

Another portion will fund two full-time interns to work with Campus Kitchen from May to August, she said.

"The interns will lend additional staff support to both the Winooski Department of Recreation and The Intervale Center to help both nonprofits with their summer food programs," Heim said.

The grant will also be used for groceries so that class participants can prepare the food at home, Heim said.

"Clients will receive a grocery bag full of vegetables after each class so they can practice preparing the recipe they just learned at home with their families," she said.

Necessities such as appliances will also be purchased, Tompkins said.

"For example, [one of the locations] does not have a stove so we will be able to purchase a hotplate to aid in cooking classes," she said.

Heim said that while she is excited about the grant for Campus Kitchens, she hopes the money will have the greatest benefit on our community partners and their clients.

"Each meal counts, even if it is just a temporary fix to a much larger societal problem," Heim said.

## Summer Online Courses at UVM



Do you need to catch up or get ahead on courses this summer? Can't make it to Burlington? Take an online course through the University of Vermont.

UVM Online offers tons of courses in math, science, environmental studies, business, literature, and the arts.

With schedules to fit your summertime plans, you can take classes from the beach, the couch, or wherever you are this summer. Sessions start in May, June, July, and August.

Register today and take advantage of the 15% Summer '10 Tuition Savings at [uvm.edu/summer/uvm](http://uvm.edu/summer/uvm).

Reasons for you to Think Summer U

- \* Housing available
- \* Smaller class sizes
- \* Special interest programs
- \* Four summer sessions
- \* Online classes
- \* Graduate on-time
- \* UVM credits



## MURDER | Rooney questions DNA

...continued from page 1

this was Brian Rooney's DNA," he said.

Questions about unreliable DNA samples are not the only thing behind the request for a new trial, Saxman said.

"He should have been charged under a felony murder rather than under an aggravated murder," she said.

Because Rooney was convicted under an aggravated murder crime, the court issues a mandatory sentencing, Saxman said.

Also, when someone is convicted under aggravated murder, the charge is always life sentence without parole, she said.

"In a felony murder, the court has more discretion to order a lesser sentence," she said.

The sentencing for felony murders range from a minimum of 35 years to life without parole and the state has the power to decide what Rooney should be charged with, Sorrell said.

The largest sentence in Vermont is life without parole because there is no death penalty, he said.

However, given that the facts surrounding the crime were so horrific, the sentencing judge would have given Rooney life without parole even if he had been charged with a felony murder, Sorrell said.

Rooney also has a history of criminal abusive behavior, particularly involving women, Sorrell said.

Senior Nicholas Ulrich said

that although he did not know Gardner-Quinn personally, he felt Rooney deserved a new trial.

"It's unfortunate that this hits so close to home, but the reality is Rooney deserves the benefits afforded to everyone in the judicial system," Ulrich said. "You can't just lock him up and throw away the key regardless of his crime."

Ulrich said that after reading up on the case, he doesn't expect much to come from the retrial.

This is not the first time Rooney asked for a new trial because of questions raised about DNA evidence. In 2008, Saxman confirmed that Rooney was denied by the state of Vermont that his conviction on an aggravated murder charge be overturned and that he be given a new trial.

"It is standard that you file for a new trial after you are convicted," she said. "It's called making a motion for a new trial after a trial."

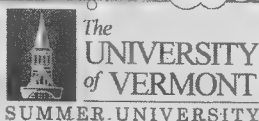
On March 17, an oral argument was held at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton to hear both sides of the issue, Sorrell said.

However, no decisions were made, he said.

Although Gardner-Quinn's parents were not present for the argument, Sorrell said that he thinks they have been very satisfied with state investigations and prosecutions.

"We are hopeful that the Supreme Court will agree with the state and that Rooney will continue to serve his sentence for the rest of his life," he said.

Catch up. Get ahead. Save 15%.



SUMMER UNIVERSITY



# Earthquake rattles UVM students abroad in Chile

Study abroad participant says the University is not doing its part; University responds

By Jenna Tucker  
Staff Writer

It's a Saturday morning. You just woke up, made breakfast, and maybe turned on some cartoons. Everything is normal, except that on another side of the world an entire country is crashing to the ground.

Six UVM students were in Chile for study abroad programs when a magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck the country's coast on Feb. 27, killing 700 people and injuring many more.

One of the students, however, said he was also rattled by UVM's response.

"UVM has done nothing to ensure my safety," sophomore Hixon Spangenberg said. "I

have heard nothing from them."

He also said that he has seen no relief efforts coming from the University.

"UVM has offered no help," he said.

International Education counselor Linda Damon said she feels that UVM has indeed done its part in ensuring the safety of students abroad.

"By 10 o'clock that morning, we had accounted for everyone," Damon said. "We have an emergency procedure that goes into effect when there's a natural disaster — it's basically a phone tree that confirms that everyone is okay and sends a message out to critical people here on campus."

Spangenberg said the experience was terrifying.

"The 8.8 quake struck at 3:34 a.m. early Saturday morning — like most Chileans, I was still awake," Spangenberg said.

**"UVM has done nothing to ensure my safety."**

**Hixon Spangenberg**  
*Sophomore, one of six UVM students currently studying in Chile*

"I was sitting on my bed, chatting on Facebook when I heard this low rumble and this slight tremble," he said. "Within

5 to 10 seconds this tremble and rumble became a violent shake."

Spangenberg said he had never experienced an earthquake before and wasn't sure what was happening.

His host brother pulled him into the corridor while everything crumbled around him, he said.

"We were thrown about like toys, everything on the walls were falling on us," he said. "The creaking, ripping and rumbling of the building was terrifying."

Now that the earthquake has passed, the question remains whether more can be done by the University to ensure the safety of students who are currently studying abroad in Chile and assist with relief efforts during natural disasters.

Damon said she is unsure of any relief efforts planned by the University.

Spangenberg said that people he knows have donated through the Red Cross.

"My family and I have donated food, clothes and cookies to the Chilean Red Cross, and so have most of our neighbors," he said.

For now she said she encourages abroad students to stay inside and keep safe instead of volunteering.

"The acts of kindness after this quake further reinforce [my] opinion that Chilean people are accepting, welcoming and loving," Spangenberg said. "Everyone here is just so kind."

## Kofi Mensah wins SGA presidential election

By Natalie DiBlasio and  
Jenna Tucker  
Asst. News Editor and Staff  
Writer

SGA presidential candidate Kofi Mensah is now President-elect Kofi Mensah.

Mensah won the election for SGA president with 713 votes to Claire Chevrier's 667, according to the SGA website.

The total amount of votes came to 1,397 — the highest voter turnout in SGA history, Mensah said.

"Thank you to the student body," he said. "Your support not just for me but for the overall SGA elections has been outstanding."

Mensah said he wants concerned students to feel comfortable asking him questions, but he hopes that everyone can move forward and understand that mistakes have been made on both sides.

President Bryce Jones said he believes that the main problems with this election process were a lack of leadership and the absence of a judicial branch.

"We don't have a judicial branch. We don't have that check so we try to create a check within ourselves," Jones said. "My hope for the next SGA is that they would strive to perfect those leadership skills."

In the spirit of moving forward, Mensah said he will be hosting a reception and a party for students and senators in April that he hopes will create a better connection between the SGA and the student body.

Jones agreed that it is important for the SGA to move forward.

**"Your support not just for me but for the overall SGA elections has been outstanding."**

**Kofi Mensah**  
*SGA president-elect*

"We need to move on from what happened and look into the new leadership and see what they are going to provide," he said.

Jones and Vice President Kate Ash will turn over all powers, duties and responsibilities to the Mensah and the Vice President-elect David Maciewicz at the final meeting of the current SGA Senate session on April 13, according to the SGA website.

in Vermont," Dunne said.

The candidates also discussed renewable energy, green products, and a Vermont that takes the lead nationally in the hemp growing and manufacturing industry.

"It is legal in Vermont to grow hemp," Bartlette said. "Let's have the oil, let's have the seeds, the fiber, the cloths. We would like to have an exemption in Vermont to prove to the nation that the world will not come to an end if we start growing industrial hemp."

The candidates said they agreed that Vermont needs set an example for the nation.

"Vermont has a habit of leading the rest of the country," Dunne said.

## Missing students, open information addressed

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

The University is addressing the issues of missing students and open information with two new policies.

The Missing Student Policy is a brand new policy, Gary Derr, vice president of Executive Operations and Chief of Staff at UVM, said.

According to a UVM online policy statement, a student will be considered missing if a University official receives information that the student has failed to show up at events to which the student has committed, the student cannot be located and no contact has

been made by the student.

The policy was created because the Higher Education Re-Authorization Act required that the University come up with these procedures and respond to notice of a missing student, he said.

This policy is not new, rather updated because of a missing element, which was the length of time allowed to deny a policy, Derr said.

"This means that if a person submits a records request and it's denied, then they can appeal it to the president," he said.

If an appeal of a denial of access is made to the President, the President shall make a decision within five business

days, according to the online policy statement.

The Records and Documents Requests Policy is updated every few years based on the nature of the policy, Derr said.

Requests for public records and documents are an essential aspect to the University's duty to cooperate with the Vermont Public Records Act, according to a UVM online policy statement.

The University is continuing to review policies, some that students don't even hear about, Derr said.

To see a detailed list of the University's policies, students can visit <http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg> and search policies alphabetically.

## Democratic candidates for governor discuss jobs for UVM graduates

By Hillary Walton  
Cynic Correspondent

With elections coming this November, democratic candidates for governor are debating ways for UVM graduates to get jobs and continue to live in Vermont.

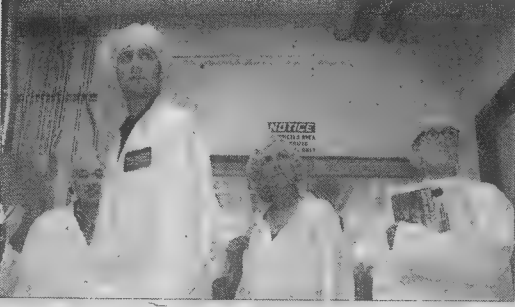
The candidates — Susan Bartlett, Matt Dunne, Peter Shumlin and Doug Racine — discussed how issues such as the economy affect UVM students at the Gubernatorial Forum hosted by UVM College Democrats on March 23.

"We need to make sure that young people are graduating without an incredible amount of debt so they can be the next generation of entrepreneurs here

EARN 6 CREDITS IN 2 WEEKS


## Be Business Savvy

An Intensive Program for Non-Business Majors




EXPERIENCE real business

- Site Visits to Local Businesses
- Meet Entrepreneurs
- Talk to Community Leaders



LEARN real business functions

- Strategy & Performance Management
- Finance & Accounting Concepts
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing Concepts




EXPLORE new career paths

- Networking
- Interviewing
- Resume Writing

Think Summer U!

Begins May 24<sup>th</sup>. Register today!

uvm.edu/summer/savvy



The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

SUMMER UNIVERSITY



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News),  
Will Andreyak (Sports),  
Jason Scott (Copy), Matthew  
Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Danielle Bilotto,  
Jenny Mudarri

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Health care reform and what it means for us

Congress has just passed one of the most influential bills in American history, leaving many people wondering: What does it mean for me?

Despite the sacrifices made by Obama to tackle bipartisanship obstacles, more than 30 million Americans will soon find themselves with affordable health care options. In a state like Vermont, numbers like these make a big splash.

In Vermont alone, almost 75,000 residents who are uninsured or underinsured will have access to an affordable health care plan — that's more than 12 percent of Vermont's population.

There are also sweeping benefits for the 104,000 who receive Medicaid coverage. Free preventative care will help seniors in Vermont live longer lives.

These numbers are staggering in a state with just over 600,000 people, and these changes will be felt by hundreds of thousands of people in need.

Vermont's per capita income level is five percent lower than the national average. There are also 60,000 Vermonters below the poverty level who will have a public health care option to choose from.

There are numerous other benefits that call for the support of this bill.

Small businesses — Vermont has 11,500 of them — will get help through tax credits to reduce health care premium costs.

College students and young adults will also be allowed to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26. This could dramatically effect the amount of insurance sold through UVM.

All of these numbers and facts mean huge change for millions, and they should be a topic of discussion among every person in this country.

Vermont could see huge changes.

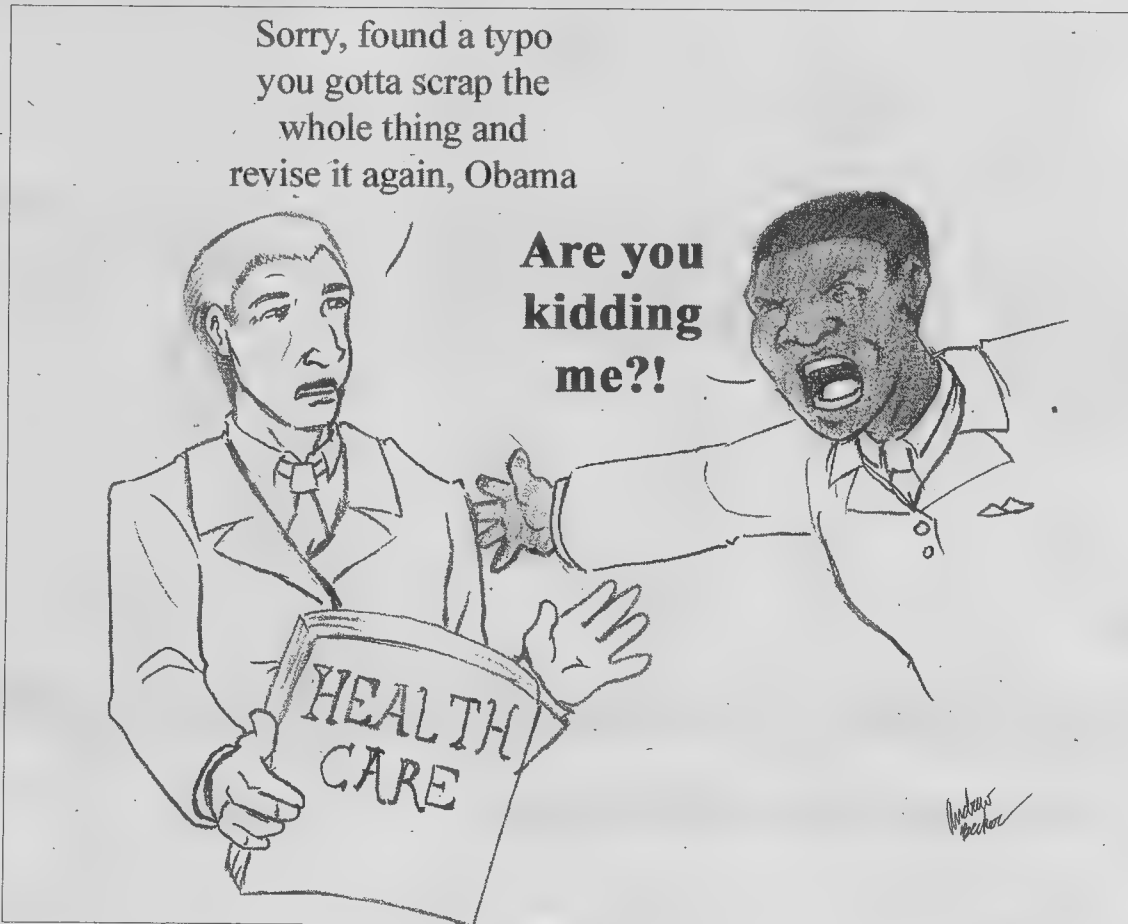
Because our population is so small compared with the national average, implementations of this bill are going to be highly evident and deserve our attention now more than ever.

However, there seemed to be minimal interest in the bill as far as college-age students are concerned.

Many didn't know this bill was happening, even though it will directly affect their lives.

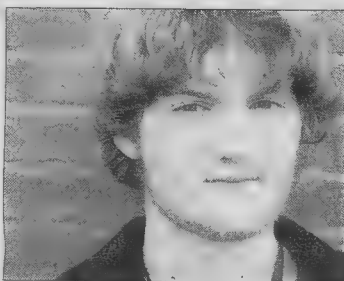
Despite the last year of partisan standoff, we have witnessed what could be regarded as one of the biggest legislative victories of our time.

The effects of that victory will be seen right in UVM's backyard, so pay attention.



## COLUMNISTS

## A just compromise



ZACH DESPART

President Obama signed an executive order on March 24 that would prevent federal funds from being used to pay for abortions under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, mirroring statutes that are already in the books.

Say what?

The candidate who championed a woman's right to choose during his presidential campaign is limiting a woman's access to abortion?

No, it's not as flip-floppy as it seems. The president made a deal with Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., and 12 anti-abortion House Democrats for their support of the health care bill.

He promised to issue an executive order prohibiting any funds from the legislation from being used for abortion.

An exception is made cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is in danger — though those three cases only accounted for 1 percent of

abortions in 2000.

The concession alienated and angered many in the president's liberal base.

The National Organization for Women swiftly condemned the president, saying that "his commitment to reproductive health care is shaky at best" and that the compromise was "unacceptable."

The executive order, which carries the force of law, prohibits women with government health insurance from receiving the constitutionally protected medical procedure.

What makes the statute worse is that it is counterintuitive to the actual legislation it refers to. In a bill that promises to extend health coverage to as many as 30 million Americans, the provision actually would restrict health care.

The White House could have easily balked at Stupak and his gang, but that would have allowed over a year of partisan bickering, inflammatory rhetoric and hard-fought negotiation to have been in vain.

The bill passed in the House 219-212. Do the math. If the President hadn't intervened, the bill would have failed.

It was a costly concession that goes against one of the Democratic Party's most cherished ideals: a woman's right to choose. But at the end of the day, President Obama rolled up his sleeves and got the job done.

He delivered on his top domestic priority, and a key part of his campaign — reforming the health care system in the United States.

The bill will expand health insurance to 30 million Americans. The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan agency, estimates that it will reduce the deficit by \$138 billion over the next 10 years, and \$1.2 trillion in the following decade.

Republicans are outraged at the legislation. It received zero Republican votes in the House.

Liberal Democrats are furious over the restriction of a women's right to choose.

But this is the essence of a compromise — no is one ecstatic, but the 111th Congress did what it was convened to do — pass legislation for the betterment of America.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"THIS IS WHY NO ONE CARES ABOUT THE SGA... THIS IS SO STUPID."**

— Lea McLellan, Editor-in-Chief of The Water Tower, an organization which received \$7,115 from the SGA this year, at the SGA public forum on March 23 regarding the sanctioning process surrounding this year's SGA presidential elections.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

phone 802.656.0337

fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Flawed elections may have long-term consequences



MAX KRIEGER

Legitimate democracy is difficult to achieve on any level. In the past few weeks, the SGA has taken this to heart and proved it over and over again.

Traditionally, SGA elections have been rather mild affairs. Usually, most students only realize there is an election when they receive an e-mail with the link to vote.

This year's election however, has given the student body something to think about.

The drama started when

presidential candidate Claire Chevrier brought to the attention of the SGA that her opponent, Kofi Mensah, had too many posters.

The SGA investigated Mensah's receipts and found some discrepancies concerning possible overspending.

As a result, the SGA asked Mensah to remove his posters because he violated this policy. That should have been the end of it.

Alas, the SGA could not leave well enough alone and, upon dubious evidence, the SGA decided Mensah violated his sanction and took him off the ballot.

Being the decisive force that it is, the SGA then replaced Mensah's name on the ballot and half-heartedly apologized.

This entire process was dutifully covered by *The Cynic*, but soon rumors mixed with facts quickly spread all across

campus.

Instead of the candidates spreading their name through their campaign promises and platforms, they became infamous due to completely irrelevant issues.

Amid all of the waffling from the SGA and the comments from the candidates, the point of the entire election was corrupted.

The platforms that the candidates were running on fell by the wayside and the election transformed into a proverbial episode of Jerry Springer.

The worst part of the whole debacle may be that the sanctions and punishments given to Mensah by the SGA served their exact opposite purpose.

Through all the drama, Mensah received more publicity than his extra posters could have ever given him.

The SGA should consider sanctioning itself for having a

campaign bias and using its own time and funds to put out the name of this candidate.

In the end, the election has served its final purpose to elect a new SGA president in Kofi Mensah. Unfortunately, the ramifications of the campaign may consequently deter further student participation.

After witnessing what some may call a slightly botched election on the part of the SGA, many students may not want to pay any attention at all.

Hopefully, the SGA will learn from this election to act less impulsively and think more carefully about how to deal with issues as important as this one was.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

One thing I really like about college and my experience at the University of Vermont has been the student advocacy on University policies. Through various events like "Student Rights Night" and a Town Hall meeting at Ira Allen Chapel, we've given our support or our disagreement with University policies.

The Board of Trustees even has a position for a student member. There's been a lot of history at our school of students making sure their voice was heard.

However, there is a difference between having your voice heard and having your voice understood, respected, acknowledged and incorporated into a decision. Anyone who has had an argument or been a part of a group making decisions knows this through experience.

Likewise, a lobby may advocate for a perspective and decision, but it does not actively make the decision. At the end of the day, a tremendous portion of the University's funding is from student tuition, with our names on loans and statements.

In order to assure that it's "money well spent," we should continue with advocacy and organization. I believe the ultimate goal is an active participation by the student body in decision-making for the University of Vermont.

The student body having an actual role is both necessary and, in light of changes and shifts from both inside and outside of the University, crucial. Students should be able to organize themselves when they believe there are important issues to be decided.

Likewise, organizations like the Student Government Association and the Inter-Residence Association should work together to assist and expand this effort.

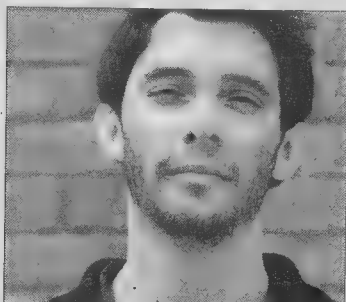
There should be legitimate methods for students to be "welcome to the table." Organizations like SGA and IRA already have advocacy specifically mandated in their constitutions and are excellent start points.

I am not calling for a student take over, or for a ballot initiative across campus every time the president wants to implement a new rule or policy.

I am saying that students should have a much stronger advocacy, and hopefully participation in the policies and decisions of the University that they attend and pay for.

The form that student advocacy and participation will take varies from issue to issue, but an organized and informed student body has a very powerful and consistent weight on policies and decisions.

Sincerely,  
Gavin Caster  
UVM Class of 2013



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Loosen up

I'm addicted to a few things in life. One of them is Marché mac and cheese.

I'm actually eating Marché mac right now — that's just how addicted to it I am — and with every bite I'm taking I can't help but wonder: What exactly is in this stuff?

I'm sure most of you have wondered why some of the food on campus is just so addictive, like Marché mac and those Trix-Treats that the Marketplace in the Davis Center sells. I bet a few of you wonder why some of it makes us feel so, to be frank about it, loose.

And I don't mean feeling loose like you've just pounded a PBR, either.

Is it the grease? The massive amounts of calories I'm ingesting that my body is rejecting? Or is there something much more sinister at play here? Is there something in my beloved mac that makes me feel so loose?

Well, friends, I've done the leg work for you and got to the bottom of this campus food fiasco once and for all, because we've all heard the rumors. I mean, just browse through the plethora of college-themed websites out there and you'll find at least one reference to laxatives in campus food.

The rumors stem from the idea that food produced on a mass level, such as college cafeterias, may contain some

form of food-borne illness and the laxative prevents the body from becoming sick because the food is processed so quickly. It would explain a lot if it were true, wouldn't it?

However, I can assure you readers that none of the food on campus contains any form of laxative whatsoever.

How do I know this?

Well, I asked.

A few brief and somewhat embarrassing e-mails to the friendly people at University Dining Services assured me that the mac and cheese I hold dear was, in fact, nothing more than just mac and cheese.

Whew.

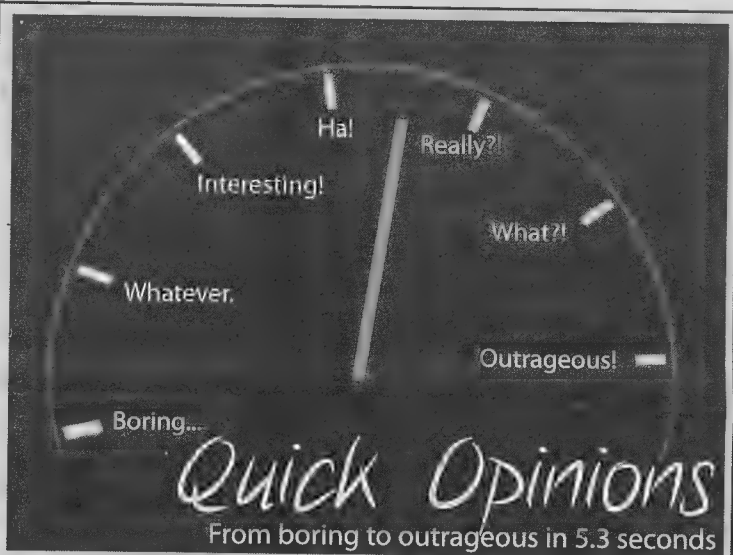
They contribute students' "looseness" to improper diet. Consuming items such as pastries and juice for breakfast, pizza for dinner, drinking umpteen cups of coffee during the day and who knows what else at night can really screw up your system.

Our friends at University Dining Services recommend trying to eat as normally as you can. They know it's difficult considering busy schedules, food options and the occasional midnight munchies, but it can be done.

If you want to regulate yourself, they recommend cutting down on greasy, convenient foods like those pizzas and tenders sitting under heat lamps and instead stick with a sandwich and some soup. Coffee may give you a boost, but swap a few cups a day for some water or juice.

My addictive and adored mac is on that list of foods to keep at a minimum, so I guess I'll have to cut back myself. Then again, we all need to get loose every once in a while.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



## In the U.S.

### Farley

Yeah, Biden dropped the F-Bomb. Who cares? I mean, it is a pretty big effing deal this country is becoming everything it was never meant to be.

### Despart

Protestors calling in death threats, mailing pictures of nooses and throwing bricks through windows at two separate offices of congressional Democrats? Argue, organize, vote 'em out of office if you feel so strongly. There is no place for violence and intimidation in American democracy.

### Baldassare

Health care reform passed! And don't forget the added bonus — getting to watch Mitt Romney, in 2012, run against essentially the exact plan he supported as governor! Good times to come.

## At UVM

### Krieger

Cook used to be open until 9, then they moved it to 8, now it closes at 2:30 on Fridays. Why am I forced to pay several thousand dollars a year for food that isn't being served?

## CORRECTION

In "Sustaining more work for students," it was stated that six extra credits were needed to fulfill the sustainability requirement. However, these credits can be double counted for other requirements, like the diversity requirements. This means students do not necessarily have to bear an extra expense burden. The staff editorial from Issue 22 has been removed from the website.



# Intruding effects of a noisy world

Renowned author Garrett Keizer echoes his interpretations on sound

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

Garrett Keizer thinks that there's more to sound than simply commonplace waves.

Keizer, a renowned author and essayist, lectured about his sixth book, "The Unwanted Sound of Everything We Want," at the Billings Marsh Lounge on March 23.

Keizer, originally from New Jersey, lives and works out of his home in northeastern Vermont. In addition to writing books, he is also a contributing editor to Harper's Magazine.

His latest work explains his research on how society defines and interacts with noise.

"[Noise is] any human-made sound that intrudes on our lives in such a way to be obstructive to our rights or injurious to our health," Keizer said.

But Keizer puts more value on noise than most people.

"Noise has something to tell us," he said. "The truth is not only inconvenient, but also disconcerting — it gets us to listen."

In his lecture, like in his book, he uses everyday examples to depict how noise interferes with peace.

Railroads were originally thought to be a terrible nuisance but are now considered nostalgic. Some people are extremely annoyed by church bells, a welcoming call for worship to others, according to Keizer.

Keizer breaks noise into three

subcategories: noise and justice, noise and carbon, and noise and spirit.

In the section on noise and justice, Keizer is particularly interested in the relationship between noise and politics.

"Two of the loudest sounds come from cannons and church bells," he said. "This is in direct correspondence to the power of church and state."

Keizer also said that this relationship can be directly applied to noise in the environment.

Minorities are generally at a higher risk to live in communities of environmental degradation, near toxin-producing factories and high level noise, he said.

But these theoretical, scientific concepts are only sweeping generalizations. James Prendergast, a teaching assistant for an environmental studies class, spent some time in Belem, Brazil.

"Although most of the communities I was living in would be seen by most Americans as poor, I do not think this noise was a product of their economy," Prendergast said. "Rather, it is a product of their culture."

Regardless, the next time there is a loud noise, Keizer said to think about the ramifications of the typically inconsequential event.

"Subjective factors can have negative outcomes [in how we perceive sound]," he said.



Illustration by Ashley Hsuoli

## Childhood fantasies reborn with sandbox, human cocoons

Advanced sculpture students' aspirations come alive at Colburn Gallery with interactive exhibits

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

You won't find this at the MOMA.

Two interactive exhibits, a giant sandbox and a human cocoon, are the contrasting student creations at the latest exhibit at the Colburn Gallery in Williams Hall.

The two installments are products of sculpture students Katy Marshall and Angela Giorgetti, who are taking professor Nancy Dwyer's Advanced Sculpture class.

They were chosen as the top two in their 11-student class competition. The criteria of the competition was to incorporate art and people, Dwyer said.

Their competitors have small models in the exhibit to depict what these other works would have looked like in full scale.

Marshall, who took first place, created the large scale "Public Sandbox." With her piece — an actual sandbox — she hopes to draw people into the sand to create art.

"Come in, take off your shoes,

make a sculpture," Marshall said.

In the sandbox, there is a volcano, a sculpted bust of a woman and a family of sand-people — all created by gallery visitors.

Gallery proctor Helen Burk tended the exhibit and watched how the sculpture changed throughout the day as each person interacted with it.

"They'll come, and at first they're not prepared ... they'll come later," Burk said. "Some can't resist and go right in ... seeing people get creative and act childish can come through art."

Giorgetti's "Human Cocoons" lures people in with a more intimate approach.

Her cocoons, made of fabric, are revealed through a small entrance.

Layers of fabric are anchored to the floor and ceiling through this fabric cocoon.

Each cocoon is made of a different color and texture, to incite different senses.

"The sensation created is a mix between the comfort of being held and the uncomfortable feeling of being suffocated in a

crammed and confined article," Giorgetti said. "Stepping into the cocoon will be like entering a new world."

These cocoons are inspired by her work with an autistic student, who used Body Sox as a therapeutic tool.

**"Come in, take off your shoes, make a sculpture."**

Katy Marshall

UVM Junior and Sculptor

Body Sox, like cocoons, are wrapped and velcroed around your body.

As these two showcases depict most vividly, sculpture does not have to be solely an abstract art form.

It can be as simple as a space for people to play in a sandbox or a room covered in fabric.

**Campus**  
**REHAB GYM**

**Physical Therapy**  
*in Burlington*

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

Maria Thibault, PT, ATC, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.



# Impartial instruction or subjective schooling:

## Students question political bias in the classroom

By Katie Gioia  
Senior Staff Writer

At a school known for both its liberal students and professors, some students question whether their tuition money is paying for the facts or a professor's opinion.

Pablo Bose, a professor in the geography department, said he thinks it's a healthy mix of both.

"I don't believe in the idea of objectivity," he said. "I don't think that you can remove your own perspective on something."

However, Bose said that he does not present solely one viewpoint in his lectures.

"I do think that it's important to present multiple perspectives on especially contentious topics," he said. "Classrooms should be spaces where there are multiple perspectives that are entertained and debated and discussed, but obviously the professor is setting much more of the agenda and setting much more of the framework for that discussion."

Bose said he never tries to push his opinion.

"I make my perspective clear, but I really don't try to push [it]," he said. "Even when I don't really agree with other viewpoints, it's not like I don't talk about them. I would say that all my colleagues do the same thing. I don't think [any of them] are trying to form a revolution or something."

Political science professor Travis Nelson said he presents information in an objective light, but does not think that expressing his opinion is a poor teaching method.

"It's impossible to be unbiased," he said. "Everyone has some sort of bias. The more open you are about what [the biases] are, the better students can filter through or figure out their own perspectives. The only concern is the power I have, so I have to be careful about it."

Nelson likes to argue against the general opinion of the classroom to get the students to think, he said.

"I think my general tendency, though, is to play the devil's advocate role and to react against wherever the class is going," he said. "There are times when it's appropriate to put my opinion in there so I can engage in and become a part of the class, as long as students are in an environment where they feel comfortable challenging me."

UVM's reputation of being a left-wing institution makes some students skeptical of professors' lectures.

"You have to take into consideration that this is Vermont, one of the most liberal states in the country," junior Jordan White said. "You're going to have bias all over, wherever you go. You have to go into most classroom situations realizing that you're going to be dealing with a lot of left-wing bias. The only thing you can do is recognize that, discern it and maneuver your way through it, or not let it affect you."

White, a political science major, said that

he considers himself moderate on the political spectrum and does not like to be taught information with any political slant.

"If they're giving it to you with a slant, then they're doing you a disservice, and they're not giving you the education you deserve. I'm not coming here to get a distorted education," he said.

On the other hand, senior English major Jae Vick said that objective teaching is not a concern of hers.

"I think it's impossible [to be objective]," she said. "I think that if you're trying to be or pretending to be, that it's more dishonest than saying, 'I have a bias.'"

Vick, a self-described "an unabashed, unavowed liberal," said she doesn't mind if a professor's teachings are not objective — just as long as they match up with her views.

"I can say that I probably would mind [a professor] having a conservative bias," she said. "That would probably offend me."

Certain courses even being offered at UVM can imply a certain political stance, Vick said.

"I'm in a class on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender theater, which, you know, if you were at BYU [Brigham Young University], I don't think you'd have that class," she said. "We're reading plays written by queer people of color ... but I imagine that people who are invested in the status quo — white, straight, Christian, male, in power — would not like to see those perspectives."

White thinks that UVM may have more of a liberal slant due to its location, he said.

"I think it's a regional thing," he said. "I'm sure if you're [going to college] down in the Bible Belt, you'll see more of a right-wing, conservative slant. You'd also have to recognize that and get what you can out of it."

"UVM is a liberal school, but not as much as people think; there are a lot of conservative students, too," Nelson said. "However, with that being said, the majority are liberal. I teach on the subject of international relations, which itself is sort of cynical and a little conservative."

Because Nelson teaches in the area of international relations, he said he thinks that many of his students take him to be a conservative.

White said that his professors at UVM seem to keep bias out of their teachings.

"For the most part, I've found my professors to be relatively objective," White said. "It depends on the subject matter. They have a lot of control over the direction of the class, and I think it's their job to keep it down the middle."

While it's easy to form an opinion on a topic, Bose said, issues are not usually black-and-white.

"The one thing that I'd say about most of my colleagues is that we have spent a lot of time studying a lot of these issues," he said. "It's hard, when you spend a lot of time on something, not to know that it's not black and white. What I don't have time for is offensive views that are not grounded in any reality."

There is nothing wrong with having opinions, Bose said.

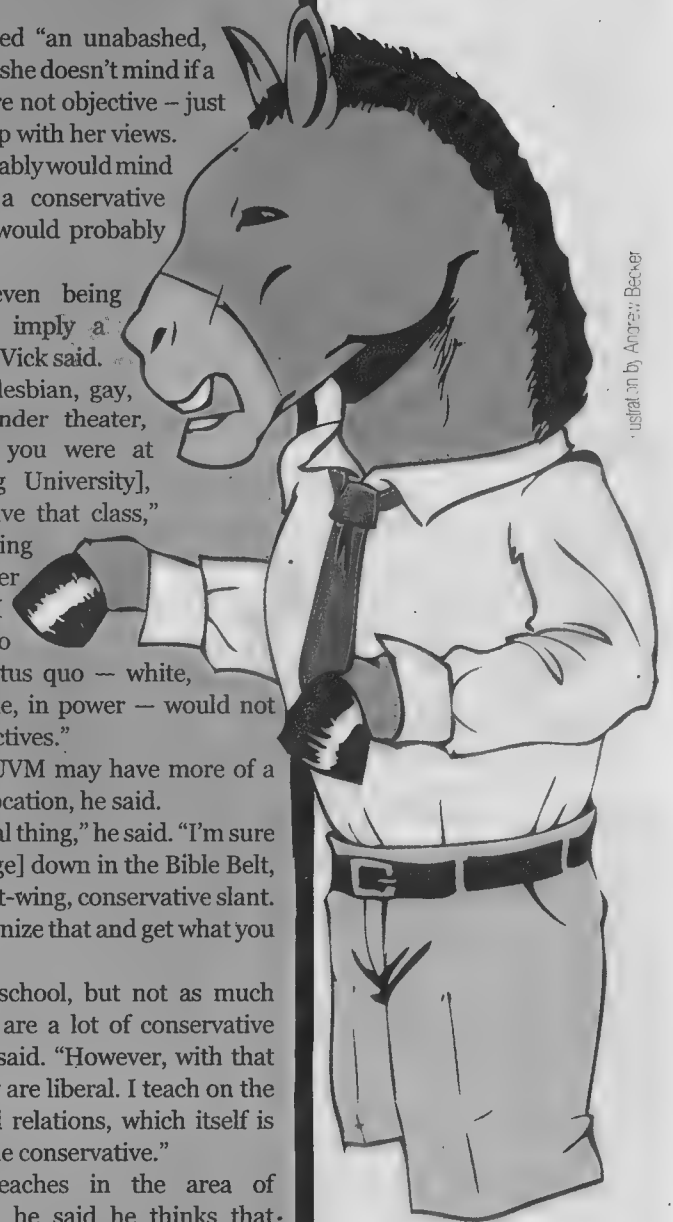
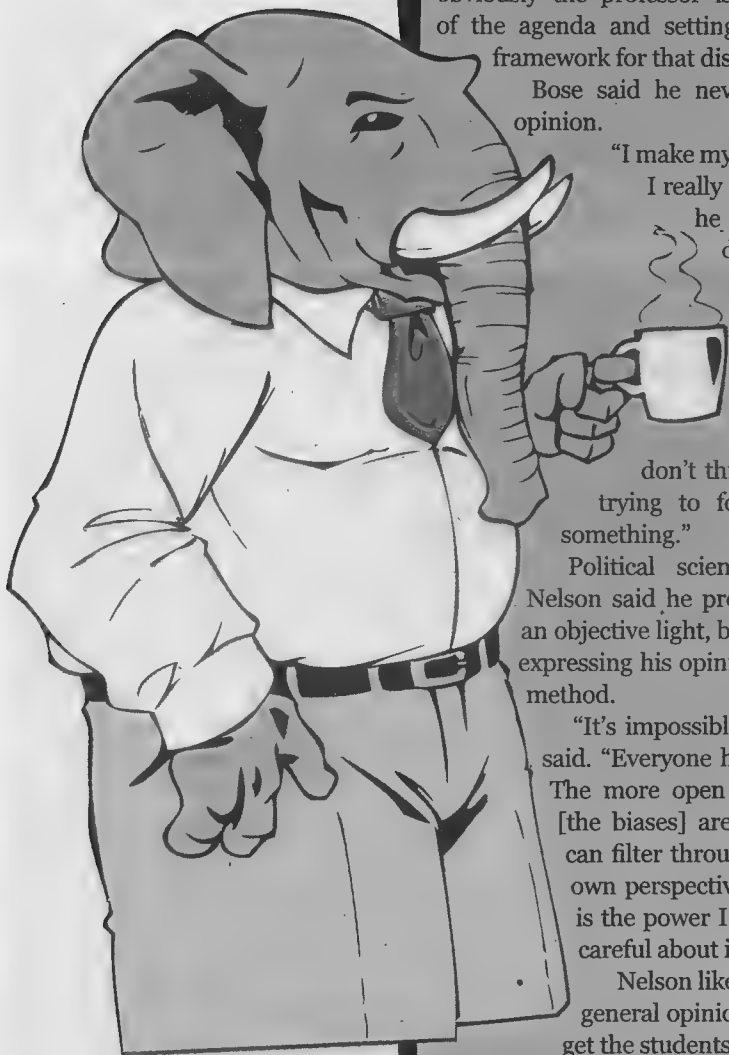


Illustration by Andrew Becker



# Eco-Repping food and waste at UVM

## Undergrad works with dining services towards change

By Liz Bruner  
Staff Writer

The Eco-Reps Program at UVM implemented a Dining Services Eco-Rep position in Fall 2009, and since January, junior environmental science major Rachel Meyer has held the position.

Like other Eco-Reps, Meyer works toward changing student behavior through education and activities that promote a greater appreciation of the Earth.

By working with University Dining Services, Meyer hopes to create a more sustainable way of eating on campus.

**Vermont Cynic:** What does your position entail?

**Rachel Meyer:** The main focus is to work together to create more sustainable dining areas on campus. We also try to educate the UVM community, encourage eco-friendliness and reduce waste in dining areas around campus.

**VC:** What are some of the projects you work on as Dining Services Eco-Rep?

**RM:** We've been working on signs around waste bins areas on the second floor of the Davis Center. [We're trying to] bring in new signs that people can look at and figure out what's going on and where to put your trash.

I'm also working on marketing for the new "bring your own fork" campaign. So far the marketing for this hasn't been successful, and a lot of students don't know

about it.

**VC:** Why does the Davis Center need a Dining Services Eco-Rep?

**RM:** I wouldn't say that just the Davis Center needs an Eco-Rep. My job isn't just in the Davis Center, but all over campus. I've been working at the Marché, Harris/Millis, etc.

More than anything we want to create a relationship with University Dining Services as an Eco-Reps program.

**"Students need to be more open to change. Everyone is involved in creating and solving the problem."**

Rachel Meyer

Dining Services Eco-Rep

**VC:** What are the most challenging parts of your work?

**RM:** Getting in contact with people. Also, a big problem I run into is that people aren't receptive. Students need to be more open to change.

**VC:** Does Sodexho work with local foods and/or local businesses? If so, which ones?

**RM:** Sodexho is better than

we give them credit for. As a student body I think we're prone to nitpick, but they've made an effort to work with people like Champlain Orchards and Cabot.

**VC:** What are the biggest environmental problems you see with Dining Services?

**RM:** The waste issue. It's not just dining services, but it's the students who eat there. There are a handful of students who are educated and act as leaders to help their community improve, but there are so many who don't know about composting, waste reduction, etc. Everyone is involved in creating and solving the problem.

**VC:** What is the best thing that UVM Dining Services is doing right now to be environmentally conscious?

**RM:** They have goals, and they realize there are ways to improve. Some of these goals are reducing waste, cutting back on takeout containers and utensils and bringing in more local foods.

**VC:** How do you get students to change their behaviors?

**RM:** The biggest thing is to get students excited and passionate. I did a clothing swap in the GreenHouse [dorm] last year and everyone was so happy to find new treasures.

Learn more about the Eco-Reps Program through their website:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~ecoreps/>



Illustration by Andrew Becker

? HIV ?

**STD**

? CDC ?

**HPV**

? IUD ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

**WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.**

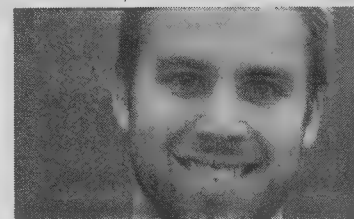
**Planned Parenthood**

**CLOSE TO CAMPUS**  
23 Mansfield Ave.

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

653-6326 | [www.uvm.edu](http://www.uvm.edu) | [www.facebook.com/ppnmv](http://www.facebook.com/ppnmv)

### THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

### Crisis management: accidents

It's hard to admit when you're wrong. But this weekend, I made a mistake that I had no choice but to own up to.

While gliding to a stoplight, I got distracted by a Jeep Scrambler on the other side of the intersection and consequently bumped into some poor old lady in a Civic.

Talk about bad luck. But Scramblers are pretty rare — it's a slightly longer version of the Wrangler that Jeep made briefly a few decades ago — so it was almost worth it.

Naturally, I felt terrible and prayed the damage wasn't too severe. In this regard, I was quite disappointed.

As she drove forward it became clear that my three-ton atrocity of a vehicle had left a nasty scratch on her bumper and my anti-rhinoceros bars had pushed her trunk in something fierce.

Luckily, my victim was pretty cool about it and let me write her a check for the damage as opposed to subjecting my insurance rates to the obscene soaring that they would have experienced otherwise.

I'd like to think I learned a few things from this costly error, and since I happen to be *The*

*Cynic's* auto writer, you can learn something too.

If you find yourself in a similar situation, don't panic. It's not the end of the world.

However, if you find yourself in something more intense than a fender-bender — rollover, airbags, and the like — go ahead and panic. The police will be there soon and it's their job to sort it out.

In the event that an accident is serious, you're supposed to leave all the cars involved where they lie so the police can make an accurate report and insurance can determine how to deal with it.

There could have been a baby sitting in the back of the car, or a prize-winning poodle or something.

If you're at fault, do the right thing and accept responsibility. Imagine if you got rammed by some ignoramus, then got left with a huge repair bill because they weren't mature enough to be held accountable.

No matter which side of the crash you're on, be sure to keep your cool. Once the damage is done, going nuts and throwing your ice scraper isn't going to make anything better.

If the impact isn't too serious, I would recommend doing what I did: write a check to fix it rather than calling your insurance company right away.

Even if it seems like a huge cost, you'd be amazed at how much cheaper it is than paying a huge deductible and living with increased rates for years. Besides, auto insurance companies are evil and deserve to be shunned whenever possible.

Stay safe out there. And always, always pay attention.



# EVENTS

**tues.30: HAITI FUNDRAISER**

**6pm. maple ballroom (dc)**

**weds.31: UVM CENSUS DAY**

**12pm. outside bailey/howe**

**thur.1: COMEDIAN DAN CUMMINGS**

**8pm. brennan's**

**fri.2: R & B ARTIST - JAVIER**

**9pm, brennan's**

**sat.3: FEELGOOD "JAMM'N"**

**7.30pm, maple ballroom (dc)**

**sat.3: MOVIE: INVICTUS**

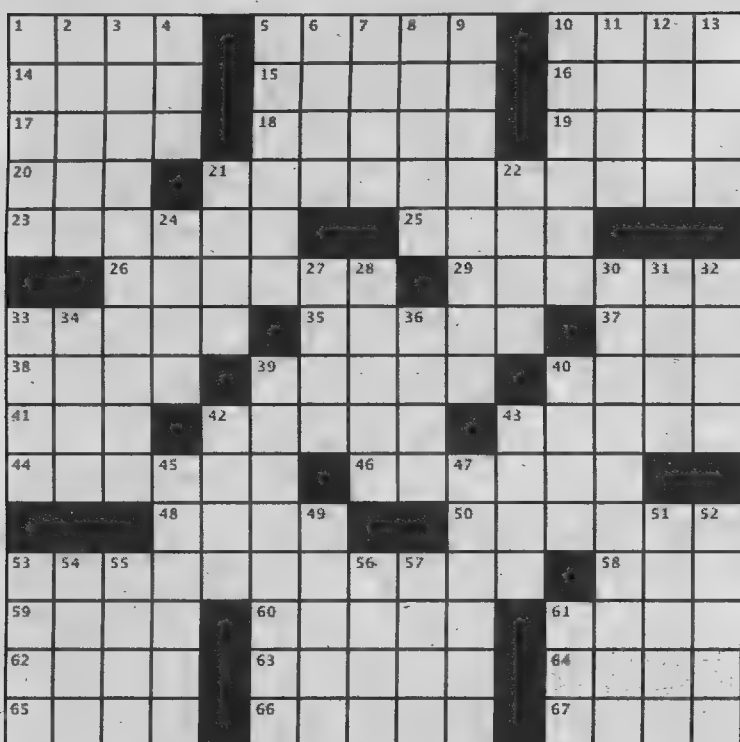
**8pm, billings lecture hall**

**uvm.edu/bored**



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## ACROSS

1- Wonka's creator  
5- Convocation of witches  
10- Inter  
14- It's blown among the reeds  
15- Model Campbell  
16- Pleasing  
17- Medicine  
18- Brother of Moses  
19- Affirm solemnly  
20- Beetle juice?  
21- Wharf  
23- Come out  
25- French 101 verb  
26- Outer defense of a castle  
29- Farthest  
33- Flax refuse  
35- Bellows  
37- Greek X  
38- Minerals  
39- Brown  
40- At that time  
41- Actor Stephen

42- Intervening, in law

43- Inspire anew

44- Request

46- Italian ice cream

48- Pitcher Hersher

50- Gum arabic source

53- Universality

58- Hosp. workers

59- Yard tunneler

60- Preceding,

poetically

61- Colombian city

62- OPEC member

63- Fiend

64- Served perfectly

65- 1996 Tony-

winning musical

66- Construct

67- Unit of computer

memory

## DOWN

1- Evade

2- Garfield's middle

name

3- Make tractable

4- Human limb,

section of a journey

5- Tooth covering

6- Swedish auto

7- Aboriginal rite site

8- Love, Italian-style

9- Tinge

10- Head garland

11- As it happens

12- Bakery worker

13- Dynamic

beginning

21- Sponsorship

22- Collective word for

intellectual pursuits

24- X-ray units

27- Ages

28- Juvenescence

30- Mob rule

31- Author Silverstein

32- Very small

33- Israeli dance

34- Ancient Athens's

Temple of

36- To (perfectly)

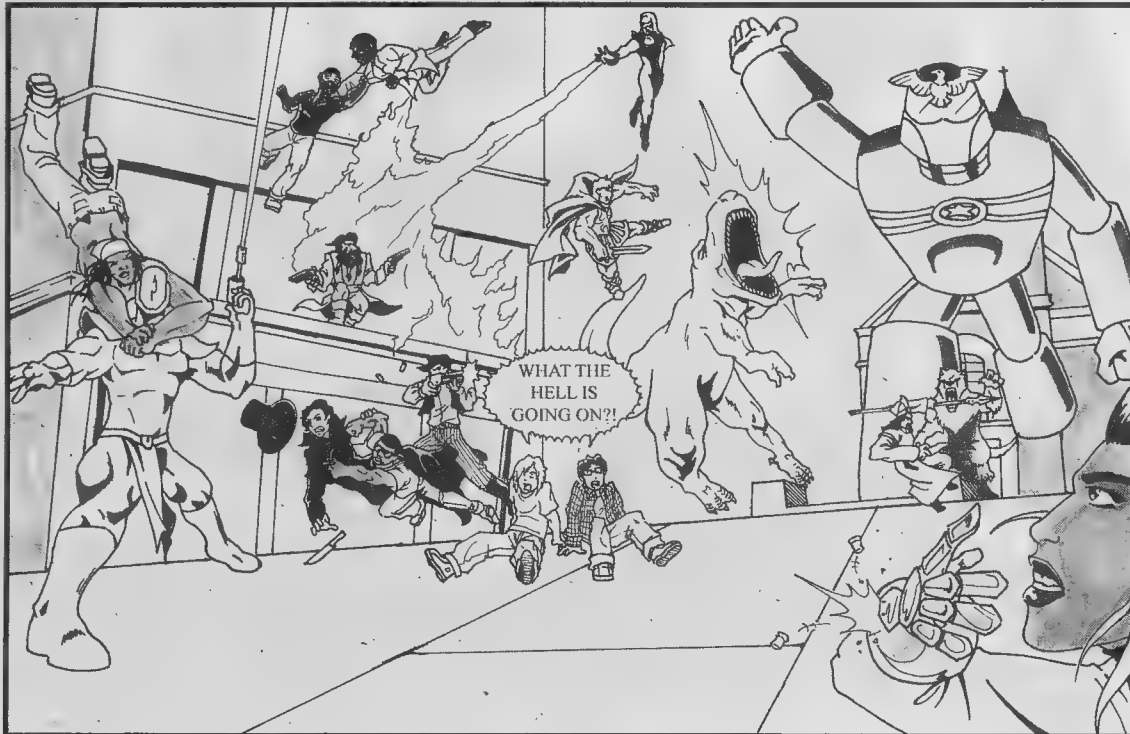
39- Sing for

40- Cheerio!

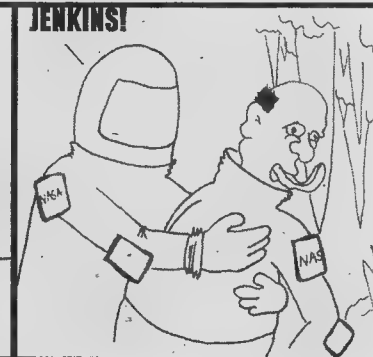
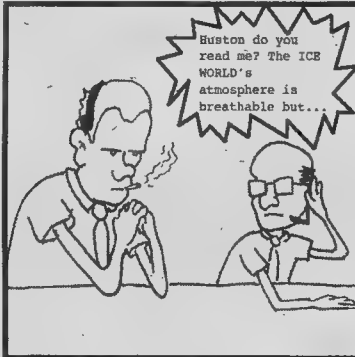
42- Additional

# Comics

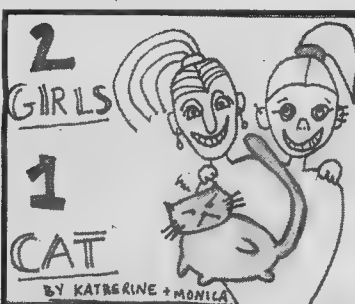
The Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



No Good Reason By R. Valenti



2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



THIS MORNING, THEY DANGLED A STRANGE TORTURE DEVICE IN MY FACE FOR HOURS...



AND NOW, SHE'S USING MY PRECIOUS BOTTOM FOR HER OWN SELFISH, TWISTED PLEASURE...



HEY KITTY, KITTY, WANT TO PLAY?



## CELEBRATE

Tootsies 4th Anniversary!

Buy a Pair,  
Get a Pair  
**FREE!**  
April 1 - 4

&amp;

Bring-a-Friend  
**PEDICURE  
SPECIAL**

for \$55 all month

(\*of equal or less value,  
from select styles)  
CatScratch accepted!

TOOTSIES  
Shoes & Pedicures

Open Daily • 192 College St • 658-6006 • tootsiesofvt.com

# Sudoku

Easy

	1	9		6			3
8	5				2	1	
	3		9			6	8
	8				9	3	7
3	9			7			2 1
	4	1	5				6
	6	4			1		5
		3	4				1 6
	7			5		2	4

Hard

7	6					1	4
		4					
				1		3	5
			2	8			
2	9						6 1
				9	7		
	3	6		5			
						9	
4		7					2 8

Life Together: Inclusive, Inquiring, Instructive Ecumenical Christian worship service. Sundays at 6:30 p.m in the Ira Allen Chapel. The services are offered by Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) at UVM. Contact [ccm@uvm.edu](mailto:ccm@uvm.edu)



# Women's basketball upsets Wisconsin, falls short against Notre Dame

## Historic season comes to an end

By Donny O'Neill  
Staff Writer

The UVM women's basketball team won its first ever game in the NCAA tournament on March 24 in South Bend, Ind.

The team surprised the No. 7 seed in the Kansas City bracket and added them to the list of big name schools the team has beaten this year, along with NC State, Boston College and Providence.

Coach Sharon Dawley notched her 128th career win at the school, moving her into first place as the school's all-time leader in wins.

In Sunday's game, the Catamounts jumped out to a 14-point lead, 27-13, 15 minutes into the first half. The Badgers showed resilience as they were able to chip away at the lead to cut it to just eight at the half.

The Catamounts then proceeded to come out of the locker room ice cold. They failed to connect on their first 10 shots from the field, allowing Wisconsin to take a four-point lead with 12:38 remaining.

Senior May Kotsopoulos drained a three-pointer with 10:35 to go, bringing the game into a tie at 39 points apiece.

Senior Courtney Pilypaitis took over the game from there,



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic  
Freshman Kendra Seto and senior Sofia Iwobi block opposing players from Hartford. The team had a historic season with their first NCAA tournament win in school history.

scoring six straight points for UVM, giving the Cats a five-point lead at 46-41, with 7:42 remaining.

"It was huge and obviously a historic day for us," Dawley said. "I was just proud of the execution."

"We just try to enjoy it. We just try to have fun, enjoy it and go from there," Pilypaitis said.

Vermont was able to start strong in their game against the Irish with a 20-10 lead with just under 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

Notre Dame answered the Catamounts' call with a 27-7 run that flipped the advantage to a

10-point lead for the Irish.

The Catamounts trailed by eight at the 14:48 mark of the second half, but the Irish turned up the heat by going on a 19-4 run and never looking back. The Irish went on to win the game 84-66.

The game marked the end of four very fine careers for the Vermont seniors Pilypaitis, Kotsopoulos, Alissa Sheftic and Sofia Iwobi.

The team won 27 games, the third-most in school history. They won the America East Championship and capped it all off with their first tournament win in school history.

## Sport Shorts

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

### Women's lacrosse falls to the Eagles

The Boston College Eagles defeated the Catamounts 14-10 on March 24. The Eagles came out strong and gained a 3-0 lead within the first seven minutes of the game.

This didn't stop the Catamounts as they came back to score seven goals and take a 7-4 lead. They didn't hold the lead for long, Boston College got back on top with a six-goal run.

Boston had a 10-7 lead over Vermont with only 35 seconds remaining in the first half. With a goal by senior Kaitlyn Johnson, Vermont was trailing by only two. The Eagles outscored the Catamounts in the second half and won the game 14-10.

Kaitlyn Johnson and sophomore Samantha Stern both earned hat tricks. Sophomore goalkeeper Laura Barber made five saves for the Catamounts.

Vermont fell to 2-5 overall on the season.

### Men's lacrosse loses in overtime

The lacrosse team took on St. John's on Saturday, March 20. St. John's was up by four when the halftime whistle blew.

Vermont overcame this deficit and managed to take the lead 7-6 with only five minutes remaining in the game.

St. John's didn't let up and scored a tying goal with only 35 seconds left in the game, bringing the game into overtime.

With only four minutes left in overtime, St. John's scored, giving them an 8-7 victory over the Catamounts.

Vermont's main scorers included sophomores Geoff Worley and Rory O'Connor, each with a pair of goals.

Freshman Drew Philie, junior Derek Lichtfuss and junior Max Gradinger also scored goals.

UVM's next game, which is against Binghamton on April 3, will be played at home. UVM's current record stands at 1-5.

## MFA IN EMERGENT MEDIA

The future is in the eyes of the innovators.

Create. Collaborate. Innovate.

Are you ready to write the next chapter of the digital revolution? Champlain's residential Master of Fine Arts (MFA) has been designed for a select group of individuals who are ready to explore the bounds of their own creativity, develop the skills to master the technology, and flourish in a collaborative environment. Envision your future with us.

**AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCE**  
**An Individualized Interactive Web Experience**

To learn more about our MFA in Emergent Media, visit our augmented reality experience at **emergent.champlain.edu**



**CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE**  
Graduate Studies

Now Accepting applications  
**MFA.champlain.edu**



# Men's hockey season ends in West Regional game

## Wisconsin edges Vermont 3-2

### Staff Report

The top-seeded Wisconsin Badgers defeated the men's hockey team 3-2 on March 26, ending the Catamounts' season.

The game took place at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. and was televised on ESPN.

Wisconsin senior Blake Geoffrion scored the game-winning goal and helped the Badgers overcome an earlier 2-1 deficit.

Sophomore goalie Rob Madore had 39 saves for the Catamounts, while junior Dan Lawson had a goal and an assist. Senior co-captain Brian Roloff also added one of his own to the total.

"I'm proud of our team. I thought that we competed right to the final buzzer," Vermont head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "The season had ups and downs, and I think in this game we had some adversity. We had a few guys go down with injuries and a short bench, but I am just so

proud of our guys."

Wisconsin started the scoring in the first period when freshman Justin Schultz scored from the point at 5:51.

Vermont tied things up at 7:22 with Lawson's goal. This was Lawson's first goal since he scored the game-winner in the East Regional championship game against Air Force last season and sent the Cats to the Frozen Four after double overtime.

The Catamounts topped off a successful first period with Roloff's goal at 15:44. Roloff fired a wrist to give the Cats a 2-1 advantage.

"We were certainly very happy with the lead," Roloff said. "But we knew there was a lot of time left, anything can happen with two periods left. Having an older team we didn't get too up on it, we were just trying to keep getting it done."

Wisconsin turned the tables on Vermont in the second period, scoring two goals and taking back the lead for the final time.

The first goal was scored by



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Freshman Tobias Nilsson-Roos fighting for the puck against Boston University at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The team's season ended Friday with a loss against Wisconsin.

senior Michael Davies on the power play at 4:02 when he sent his shot over Madore's shoulder.

The Cats were not able to score before Geoffrion's goal came on the power-play with just

44 seconds left in the second.

Though the Catamounts had chances to tie in the third, and they pulled Madore from the net in the final two minutes for an extra attacker, they couldn't score

again, and the game ended in favor of the Badgers.

With the loss, the team's season comes to a close. They ended with a record of 17-15-7.

## The 2009-2010 Vermont Catamounts

### A look back at the men's basketball team



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic

Senior guard Nick Vier dribbling to the basket at Patrick Gym. The team had a successful season and got the NCAA tournament but fell to the Syracuse Orange on March 19.

By Will Andreyck  
Asst. Sports Editor

How will the 2009-2010 Vermont Catamounts be remembered? There is no single event that stands out for the men's basketball team when looking back on the season. Rather, a collection of memories add up to one of the most memorable seasons in UVM basketball history.

It was a season of highs and lows. The team's performance varied on different nights, but when the game truly mattered, Vermont stepped up and played the best basketball they were capable of.

Vermont finished the season with a record of 25-10 (12-4). They were one win away from the regular season conference championship, and they accomplished the ultimate goal of winning the end of season conference tournament on their way to the fourth NCAA tournament bid in school history.

"I thought we had a great year to win 25 games at our level. I'll never forget the season," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "I'm all about winning. I love to win more than anybody and I hate to lose. These guys taught me a lot this year, especially the last couple of weeks."

Vermont led the NCAA in road victories this year, which is one of the most impressive feats

of the season.

They beat quality teams all season, highlighted by a close win over Rutgers, who plays in arguably the best conference in the country, the Big East.

Vermont only lost to Cornell by eight, and that was without Garvey Young, one of Vermont's most important defensive players, in the lineup.

Among the highlights of the past season was the America East Championship game against Boston University. Vermont beat BU in front of a sold-out crowd and on national television.

The game itself had moments of joy and exhilaration, one being a vicious dunk by senior Marqus Blakely.

The real moment of raw emotion came after the final buzzer had sounded and the UVM crowd stormed the court.

Junior Evan Fjeld had endured a week that no young adult should ever have to endure. His mother passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer just a few days before the championship game against BU.

Throughout the game ESPN, the channel broadcasting the game, panned to Fjeld's father and made references towards the tragic events that took place earlier in the week.

If you were not a fan of Boston University, there was simply no way you were rooting against Fjeld and Vermont.

After the final buzzer had sounded, ESPN panned to an image of Fjeld embracing his father.

The emotion that poured through the television screen and into the homes of the thousands who were watching was simply overwhelming.

The following day it was announced that Vermont would be a 16-seed playing the top-seeded Syracuse Orange in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

No 16-seed has ever beaten a number one seed in the history of the tournament, and it would have taken a miracle for Vermont to beat such a talented team. The Catamounts weren't able to beat Syracuse, but they only trailed by 12 at halftime before eventually losing 79-56.

For the seniors, especially Blakely, this season closes the book on long and successful careers.

"I wish every teammate the best and hopefully they can get back here," Blakely said.

Blakely ended his career as one of the best players in the history of Vermont basketball, and he will be sorely missed in the years to come.

All those who have seen Blakely play know that a talent of his caliber does not bless a small program like UVM often. What he was able to do for this university and community will never be forgotten.

LAST WEEK

### Men's lacrosse

3/20

Vermont 7,  
St. Johns 8

St. John's freshman Alex Lagodich scored the game-winning goal with 3:48 left in overtime to give St. Johns the victory over the Catamounts. Sophomore Geoff Worley recorded two goals and three assists for the Catamounts, who fell to 1-6 on the season.

### Women's lacrosse

3/20

Vermont 14,  
Marist 7

Junior Samantha Stern and sophomore Natalie Jones combined for seven goals to lead the Catamounts past Marist. Stern recorded four goals and Jones scored three goals and added another assist. Junior Megan MacDonald scored a pair of goals and added three assists.

### Women's basketball

3/23

Vermont 66,  
No. 7 Notre Dame 84

In the second round of the women's NCAA tournament, Notre Dame freshman Sklyar Diggins scored 31 points, dished out six assists and recorded seven steals. Vermont led by 10 with 11:37 left in the first half before Notre Dame's 27-7 run to close the first half. Vermont never recovered as Notre Dame forced 25 turnovers, which turned into 35 points at the other end. Senior Alissa Sheftic and freshman Kendra Seto led all five Vermont starters in double figures with 14 points.

THIS WEEK

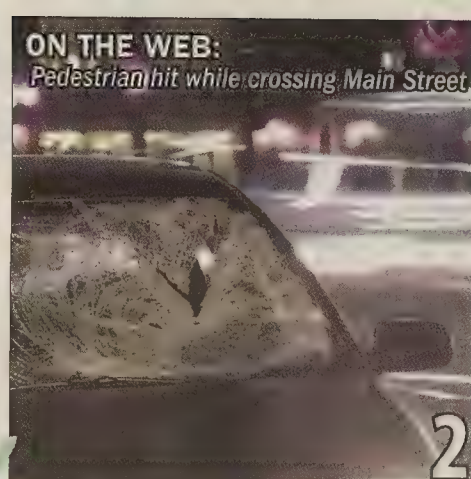
Wednesday 3/31  
Women's lacrosse  
vs. Albany  
3 p.m.

Saturday 4/3  
Men's lacrosse vs.  
Binghamton  
1 p.m.





# THE VERMONT CYNIC



www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, April 6, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 24 | Burlington, Vermont -

## Unassigned damage costs pile up Harris Millis faces highest costs with \$25,000 so far this year

By Lauren Katz  
Cynic Correspondent

Unassigned damage costs in Harris Millis are in the thousands this year, according to reports posted in the lobby of the residence hall, and no one is happy about it.

Harris Millis reported the highest total of unassigned damages with nearly \$14,000 last fall and \$12,000 as of March 26, according to the UVM ResLife website, and some students say the system is unfair.

"I just feel like I'm getting ripped off here," fourth floor Millis resident Sara Stewart said. "I don't even know what half the damages are, and I'm still giving my money to fix them."

Freshman Kathryn Esposito, a Millis resident, said she doesn't even see most of the damage — she just sees the costs going up.

"Every time I look at the chart in the lobby something as been added," she said.

Sophomore Tupper resident Gregory Francese said he has a hunch as to what is causing the difference in totals.

"There are probably more freshman in Harris Millis," he said. "That's not to say all freshman cause damages, but most damages are caused by freshman."

Although the total costs in his dorm may be relatively low, Francese said he has still has some trouble understanding how ResLife comes up with the cost.

"The damages are completely arbitrary in terms of the costs because they never tell us how they come up with the cost," he said.

Harris Resident Advisor Kofi

Mensah said that they try to make the unassigned damages system as fair as possible.

"We do the best to investigate, ask around, and if that doesn't go anywhere then the cost is going to be covered," Mensah said. "Everyone is sheltering the blame."

Nevertheless, most residence halls had less than half as much as Harris Millis, according to 2009 ResLife reports.

**"I don't even know what half the damages are, and I'm still giving my money to fix them."**

Sara Stewart  
Millis Resident

Last fall's total for both University Heights North and South complexes, which house around the same number of students as Harris Millis, is just under \$1,000.

Marsh Austin Tupper, also on Athletic campus, had a total of about \$300 last fall.

Harris Millis Residence Director Antonique Flood said that while the costs are higher than last year, the building with the highest unassigned damage cost fluctuates.

"It depends on the student culture year to year," she said.

This year the costs in Harris Millis are coming mainly from propped doors and stolen posters.

Propping a back door of Harris costs \$500 each time. The door was propped 11 times between Jan. 22 and March 23, according

to Harris Millis records.

The most expensive items posted on the list were a series of posters entitled "The Americans Who Tell the Truth." They were stolen from behind glass cases, according to an e-mail from Flood.

"More than anything we would just like to get them back," she said. "I think they were an important part of the complex."

Flood said that the posters, which have been in the building for three years, were part of a committee initiative to bring diversity into the residence halls.

The five posters, stolen the last weekend of February, are valued at a total cost of around \$1,000, according to the e-mail from Flood. While the posters have not been returned, Flood said students are encouraged to submit tips or return the posters anonymously.

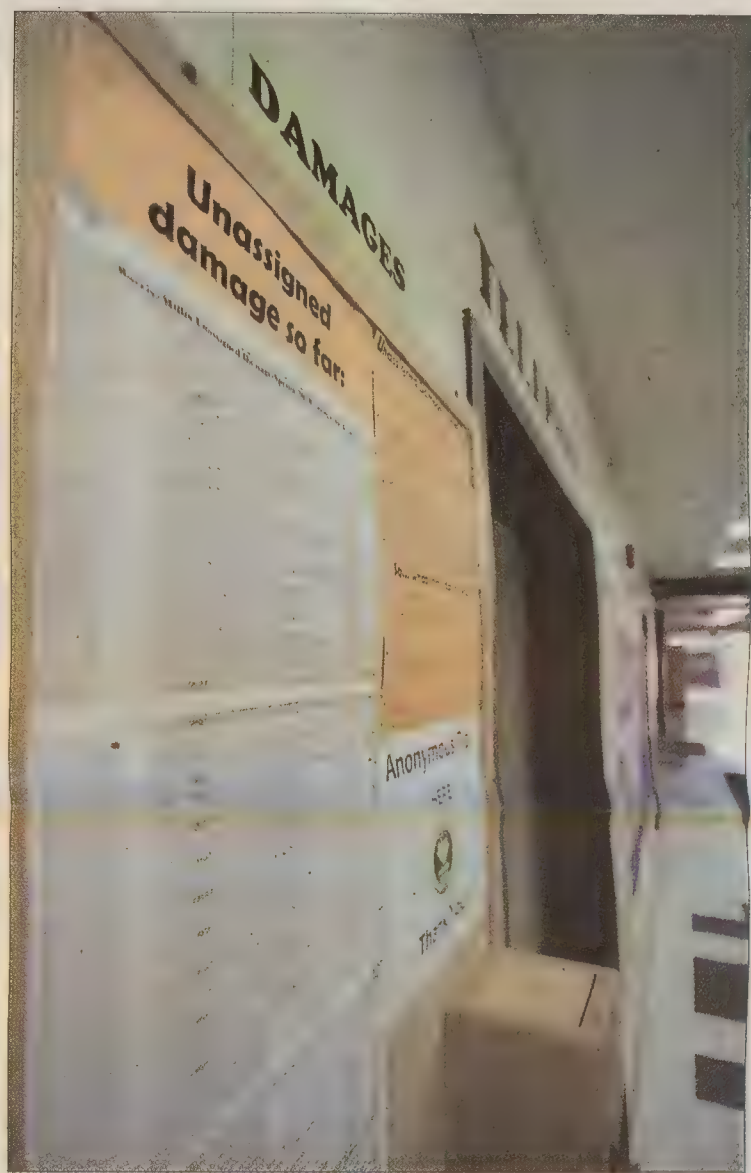
Mensah said he feels sorry for students who do the right things but are charged fees because of the few "knuckleheads" running around the complex.

As recent SGA President-elect, Mensah said he plans to try and stop the high occurrences of vandalism within residential halls.

"We need students to realize that their actions will have consequences," Mensah said.

Things could definitely be looked into in order to get through to students, such as stressing the importance of one's actions during initial floor meetings in the beginning of the year, Mensah said.

Flood said that students should value their residence halls and take pride in what is essentially their home for a



DAMIR ALISA | The Vermont Cynic  
Harris Millis residential complex accumulated nearly \$14,000 in unassigned damages last fall, and \$12,000 as of March 26.

majority of the year.

"We can tell students to be responsible but nothing will change until the students change

and decide they care enough to not treat their residence halls this way," she said.

## Faculty union says UVM discriminated against women United Academics files a grievance against the University on behalf of female nurses

By Jenna Tucker  
Staff Writer

Discrimination occurs everyday, all over the world, but some say it's happening right here at UVM.

United Academics, the faculty union at UVM, filed a grievance against the University in October for gender discrimination against assistant clinical nursing professors.

The grievance was filed after a male was hired at a higher starting salary than five other females hired for the same position.

"A male was brought in to

fill a position where there were five females who had similar qualifications and in many cases had much more experience," David Shiman, president of United Academics, said. "He ended up with a higher salary — higher than people who have had 12 years experience here."

The assistant clinical professors who were hired within the last year or two were told when they were hired that salary was non-negotiable, yet the male worker came in and had the option to negotiate a salary, Shiman said.

"So we filed a grievance," he

said.

The grievance first went to the provost office, but after they rejected it the grievance then went to the Vermont Labor Relations Board, Shiman said.

"We're suggesting that the female faculty have an adjusted salary," he said. "This is a realistic goal."

The University has been less than understanding. United Academics has offered a settlement two or three times, but the University has rejected them, Shiman said.

"We again came back after we found out it was going to the labor

board and said 'Why don't we sit down and talk? Why not see if we can work something out?' They have shown no interest in that," he said.

Assistant Provost Rachel Johnson said she has a reason for why the University refuses to settle.

"We've carefully reviewed it, and it's the University's position that the salary discrepancy is due to market-related factors and not gender discrimination," Johnson said.

On the surface, the salary discrepancies may appear to be gender-related, but you have to

look deeper than the surface, she said.

"It's not unusual for a new hire to result in salary compression for colleagues who've held similar positions for a number of years," she said. "Depending on the market and the competitiveness, it's not uncommon for someone new to come in higher."

The University had tried to fill the vacant position twice before but had failed, which created the market pressures that lead to a higher salary, Johnson said.

"It wouldn't have mattered if

see UNION on page 3



# Residence halls have new representation

## Newly elected IRA executives plan to get students involved

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

The students have spoken, and the residence halls on campus will be in new hands.

Junior Erik Graham was elected the new president of the Inter-Residence Association (IRA) this past week, and he has plans to change the organization.

"I want to make the general [IRA] body stronger, give them some more powers, so that they now have more of a say," Graham said.

First, the organization needs to be reorganized so that it is more functional, Graham said.

"By building from the ground up, the organization will be much more able to stand on its own two feet, be more effective in representing the students wishes and desires [and] can put on better programs," he said.

Graham said that, as president, he wants to work hard at getting the name of the organization out so that when students arrive at the beginning of next year, they already see an IRA presence on campus.

"To accomplish this, I will be working very hard with the Public Relations-elect Timmy Weaver,"



Junior Erik Graham and freshman Veronica Butka were elected president and vice president of the Inter-Resident Association. Graham and Butka hope to get the students get more involved with the IRA.

he said.

IRA's newly elected vice president, freshman Veronica Butka, said she also wants more student awareness.

"I just want to get hall councils involved more. I want to get the name IRA out there — I want students to know so they can see where their money is going and

have more of a say in that," she said.

Graham said he feels that by working with Residence Hall Council advisors, as well as the assistant residence directors, he can make sure the need for a strong hall council is publicized and that students are encouraged to get involved early in the year.

"IRA is generally stronger during second semester. They are more united, they know what they are doing and they are all trained," Graham said.

If unity and strength are attained by the beginning of next semester, then we will have an entire year ahead of us to accomplish things, he said.

### New IRA Executives

**President:**  
Erik Graham

**Vice President:**  
Veronica Butka

**Public Relations:**  
Timmy Weaver

**National Communications Coordinator:**  
Claire Hopkins

## Health care reform includes provisions for students

Legislation seeks to insure, inform young adults

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

Young adults will be among the first to feel the effects of health care reform.

The Affordable Health Care Act allows young adults to stay on their parents' health care plan until age 26 to help cover the one in three young adults who are currently uninsured.

"There is no uninsured student at the University, but people's lives continue after they've graduated," philosophy professor Don Loeb said. "That's when most young people don't have insurance."

The act ensures affordable coverage by making millions of young adults eligible for tax credits, cracking down excessive insurance overhead costs, and it mandates insurance companies to not discriminate, according to the White House document, "Health Reform for Young Adults."

"Conceptually, the legislation has tried to use the system's existing mechanisms — with some modifications — to expand and improve the vehicle for providing health care," Jan Carney, UVM's associate dean for Public Health, said.

This legislation stops companies from using age and pre-existing conditions as reasons to deny insurance coverage.

"The idea was to expand coverage to millions of people who have been under- or uninsured making health care more accessible to everyone," Carney said.

Beginning in 2014, most individuals will be required to have health insurance, either through their job, a private insurer or an affordable Health Benefit Exchange.

"People are just now beginning to digest all the components," Carney said. "It's a large and complicated bill that's taken months of debate and compromise to end up where it is now."

In addition to insurance, the bill has provisions for public health.

"It's pretty clear it's an effort to improve public health, increase general health by making people aware of poor nutrition habits and hopefully provide preventative measures to avoid future problems," Carney said.

**"We benefit from a society where people are healthy."**

Don Loeb  
UVM Professor

This is evident in the provision requiring fast-food restaurants to provide nutrition facts, which is clearly related to our country's recent obesity awareness, Carney said.

"We benefit from a society where people are healthy," Loeb said.

Large insurance companies will inevitably benefit from the increased pool of people needing health coverage; however, the hope is to gradually phase out co-pay, deductibles and other fiscal impediments to good health, according to the White House document.

"This legislation hopes to provide a level of comfort," Carney said, "so people don't have to worry about the 'what-ifs' regarding their health."



Freshman Charles Reynolds was struck after reportedly jaywalking across Main Street.

## Car hits student on campus

### Freshman is struck by car at intersection of University Heights and Main Street

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Freshman Charles Reynolds was struck by a car at the intersection of University Heights and Main Street around 7:56 p.m. on April 1.

He is currently being treated at Fletcher Allen where he was reported to be in stable condition as of Sunday, April 4, after being in serious condition for three days.

Freshman Rachel Grue, who witnessed the event from her Living/Learning Center suite balcony, said she heard the windshield shatter, saw a person lying on the ground and called the police.

"The boy was in the middle of the crosswalk while the light was

green but then ... it turned yellow — and I guess he wasn't paying attention — so he started to cross," freshman Bridget Meehan said.

**"He was just laying on the ground gasping for air."**

Rachel Grue  
UVM Freshman

The car was coming up the hill on Main Street when it hit him with the bumper. He smashed onto the windshield and landed about 30 feet away from the crosswalk, Meehan said.

"He was just laying on the ground gasping for air and

wasn't able to answer any of the questions from the cops, even when they were asking what his name was," Grue said.

Walter Promnitz, who was driving the blue Volkswagen Golf involved in the accident, got out of his car immediately afterwards, Boulton said.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean it," Promnitz said. "I can't believe this happened."

The police officers on the scene said that the problem was a disregard for pedestrian-traffic laws.

"The only reason this happened is because of the traffic signals," a Burlington police officer said. "You should only be crossing when the signal says to, or else it is not safe."



# Professor cracks open a new campaign

## UVM students help create commercial for professor running for senate



Philip Baruth, UVM English Professor

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

English professor Philip Baruth asked UVM to give him cheese and eggs to fuel his race for the Vermont Senate.

Baruth's new Senate campaign commercial — soon to hit UVMtv — stars and was made

by UVM students and aims to encourage students to vote using a "cheesy" joke about eggs.

"Every year I've had seniors come up to me and say they want to stay in Vermont but can't find jobs," Baruth said. "Half my campaign is about creating good jobs so we can utilize our graduates."

In the race for Chittenden County State Senate, people get six votes. Baruth worked this idea into a script he called "Half A Dozen" where the role of a "stereotypical but likeable brand of UVM cool" smashes half a dozen eggs, leaving six which have Baruth's campaign points.

"I'm assuming it will be cheesy," Baruth said, "but watchable as cheese."

While the commercial might seem quirky, Baruth said he is focusing on serious concerns

about jobs for students.

He cited All Earth Renewable — a local company from Williston that developed a solar panel that follows the sun like a flower — as a model of a cutting-edge local company.

**"Half my campaign is about creating good jobs so we can utilize our graduates."**

Philip Baruth  
UVM English Professor

"We should work to create strong, more specific links between the University and startup businesses — funnel

graduates in while the businesses are small and growing," Baruth said.

Baruth wanted to use some of UVM's own talent for making his new commercial.

"I wanted something that was 'Youtube-able,'" Baruth said, "something not boring that would introduce people on campus to my campaign."

Senior Mark Bateman, Baruth's deputy campaign manager, plays the lead role of egg-smasher, while freshman Chase Martin filmed and edited the production.

"I don't know if I'm exactly the 'UVM cool' Philip was looking for," Bateman said, "but it was a lot of fun, and I hope it helps his campaign."

The commercial, shot on Wednesday, March 23 at Mercy Hall, will be seen on UVMtv as

well as Vermontdailybriefing.com, Baruth's political blog since 2005.

Martin said he is a self-trained filmmaker with nearly six years experience.

"It's been three years since I started Dayzed Productions," he said. "That's when I started to take it seriously."

While Martin said he tries not to get involved with politics, he liked the unique script and the idea of getting paid for doing what he loves.

"This will be one of my most abstract projects," Martin said. "I'm trying hard to stick close to his vision."

With general elections scheduled for Nov. 2, and Democratic primaries for Sept. 14, Baruth said he hopes this ad will encourage people to vote.

## SGA recognizes Chi Alpha after concerns

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

The decision on whether or not the SGA would recognize the religious group Chi Alpha rested on one word.

The SGA voted to officially recognize the student Christian group Chi Alpha after they agreed to omit a section of their constitution that members of the SGA said could be discriminatory.

Originally, Chi Alpha's constitution stated "[All officers] will profess Christian faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed, and they will support the mission and values of national Chi Alpha Campus Ministries."

Students and senators discussed concerns that this kind of regulation for the executive members could be considered

discriminatory.

"If the student government [recognizes] this, they are [recognizing] a club that is exclusive to a certain faith," senior Max Bookman said.

Not recognizing the club could get the SGA into legal trouble, Chair Claire Chevrier said.

"Personally I feel terribly discriminated against by this. I don't profess the Nicene Creed and I don't lie — but those are my personal feelings, not my feelings as a senator," she said. "If your morals are screaming red flag, that's your private interests, and if we don't recognize them we are going against the U.S. Constitution."

Senator Marty Frye said he wanted to support them, but not with the current language in the constitution, and other senators

said they agreed.

"Exclusion from an opportunity is not something I am willing to fund," one senator said.

The Chi Alpha representatives said that membership is open to anyone and it is just the executive board positions that are restricted to those who accept the Nicene Creed.

"Lawsuit has never been a thought on our radar," a Chi Alpha representative said. "We want to talk to you if you have red flags and concerns about our personal beliefs — we are not prejudiced, scary people."

However, after Chi Alpha agreed to omit the section, the SGA voted unanimously to recognize the organization.

## UNION | Union says female nurses paid less

...continued from page 1

that person hired was a man or a woman, we would have had to bring them in at the salary that we brought them in at," she said.

That being said, the University agrees that it is an issue that needs to be researched and taken seriously.

**"We have no evidence of prior [discrimination], but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist."**

David Shiman  
President of United Academics

"The University cares very deeply about gender equity, and we take concerns about possible gender discrimination very seriously," Johnson said.

Shiman agrees that the grievance should not be taken lightly.

"[Gender discrimination] is an important issue," he said. "There hasn't been a case like this since we've had the union."

Although it hasn't been reported, that doesn't guarantee

that discrimination hasn't occurred before at the University.

"We have no evidence of prior [discrimination], but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist," Shiman said.

Freshman Shayna D'Arezzo said she agrees.

"There's sexism everywhere," D'Arezzo said. "I don't think it's out in the open. It's more under wraps, but it's everywhere, all the time."

The male colleague hired should have the same salary as his female coworkers, no matter the market pressures of the time, she said.

"I think it's just an excuse they made up to compensate for the fact that he's receiving a much higher pay than the women," D'Arezzo said. "I think it should be fair and equal — just because he's a man doesn't mean he should have higher pay."

The grievance has now reached the Vermont Labor Relations Board, where they have had one hearing and are scheduled for up to three more that are to occur in May, both parties confirmed.

"Win or lose, the goal is to ensure that consciousness is raised and that administrators look at this very carefully before they make personnel decisions," Shiman said.

## Students struggle for Haiti support

### Benefit event on campus draws few attendees

By Allison Keller  
Cynic Correspondent

The Davis Center's Silver Maple Ballroom greeted student with a wall-sized projection of the Haitian flag and Salsa music, as students came together to show support for Haiti.

The evening provided plenty of entertainment, but what it lacked was attendees, audience members said.

"It's hard because there are so many things to attend on campus that fit your interest," Anna Smith, an audience member whose friend performed a dance later in the night, said. "I am disappointed more people aren't here, but I understand."

Despite the evening's full agenda, including multiple musical performances, a performance by UVM's Salsa and Swing Society, a lecture on Haiti's history, raffles and refreshments, there were only about 30 audience members not directly involved in the program.

"I really hadn't heard about the benefit, I wasn't even sure it was going on," freshman Fiona Byrne, who attended the program for an extra-credit assignment, said. "I think publicity is really a difficult thing on campus."

Kim Davy, the director of the Caribbean house who helped

organized the event, said she did not expect a large turnout, but that the cause was important to everyone there.

"No one in the Caribbean House is directly affected by the Haiti disaster, but because we represent the entire Caribbean and we want to support our people, we feel it is important to help," she said.

**"We need to continue to do our part to rebuild Haiti."**

Janelle Morris  
Caribbean House Program Director

Many of the audience members said they were there to support friends who were performing or in one of the Living/Learning programs that arranged the benefit.

The residential learning communities — the Caribbean House, Dewey House of Civic Engagement and the Dance House — organized the event to continue support and awareness.

"Tonight's theme is to show how powerful Haiti is. They are

more than just the images we see on TV," Janelle Morris, one of the Caribbean House program directors, said. "We need to continue to do our part to rebuild Haiti."

Dr. Learie Nurse, a Student Life staff member, kicked off the night's entertainment with a performance of "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Students in the audience sat silent as his voice echoed in the large conference room.

"The performances have been fun," Byrne said. "It is nice to see a lot of different performances and clubs come together, especially ones you might not even know about otherwise."

Toward the end of the night, audience members were asked to make a circle, sing and to participate in a lecture on Haiti's history.


The groups asked audience members for a donation of at least one dollar and sold homemade jewelry for additional funds, Caribbean House member Mara Zocco said.

During her closing presentation, Morris concluded with a message of hope and a call to action.

"Let us rebuild together, and bring back a nation of heroes," she said.

**UVM is a 2010  
Peace Corps Top College!**

Learn more at our Information Session  
**Wednesday, April 7  
12:30 PM**  
Morrill Hall  
Dean's Conference Room  
University of Vermont



*Life is calling. How far will you go?*

**Peace Corps**

www.peacecorps.gov 800.424.8580



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palemino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News),  
Will Andreyak (Sports),  
Jason Scott (Copy), Matthew  
Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Danielle Bilotta,  
Jenny Mudarri

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## A student's conundrum: resumé builder or money maker

For college students, there is always one pressing need: money.

But in the summer, the choice between lining your pockets with cold hard cash and building an impressive resumé can be a difficult one.

If you want that sick apartment off campus complete with flat screen TVs and silk bed sheets, you're going to need lucrative summer employment, so grab that hair net and those plastic gloves and start deep-frying your way to collegiate paradise.

But if you don't want to live in that apartment for the rest of your life — and you want to eventually pay back all of those student loans — you're going to need some internship experience to put on your resumé.

It's a real conundrum.

When *The Cynic* asked Assistant Director of Career Services Marybeth Barritt whether she recommended summer internships over summer employment, she said to go with "whichever is going to give the student the most skill or experience. Typically, this will be internship-type experience."

Internships are a valuable resource and make finding a job after college a much easier process.

Building for the future is always a good idea, but without a paying summer job, life back at school can be difficult. The college kids at sporting events holding the "Hi mom! Send money!" signs may be humorous, but being broke is no laughing matter.

Life in a college town is expensive, and it's only getting worse. If you're lucky enough to get one of the few high-paying internships, congratulations. But otherwise, having no form of significant income is rough. You can't buy food, books and clothing — or pay rent — with "experience."

This is a serious decision that sends many students to Career Services looking for guidance. "Maybe up to 200 [students] a week" will visit their offices, according to Ms. Barritt.

Students are looking for a definite answer, but the truth is there isn't one. If a student really needs the money, maybe they should forgo the internship for now. If you're a junior or senior and graduation and the real world are staring you down, padding the resumé might be a good idea.

So, while this might not be the ultimate answer you were looking for in this editorial, we recommend you go talk to Career Services. Helping college kids navigate their way through these issues is what they're there for. Irony, isn't it?

Chances are you'll see some of the *The Cynic* staff standing in line with you, waiting to talk to Ms. Barritt.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"PEOPLE WERE CALLING HER A DRUGGIE OR A SLUT, AND SHE IMMEDIATELY GOT THIS HORRIBLY BAD REPUTATION."**

— Betty Czitcom, a schoolmate speaking about Pheobe Prince, a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide after being bullied.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

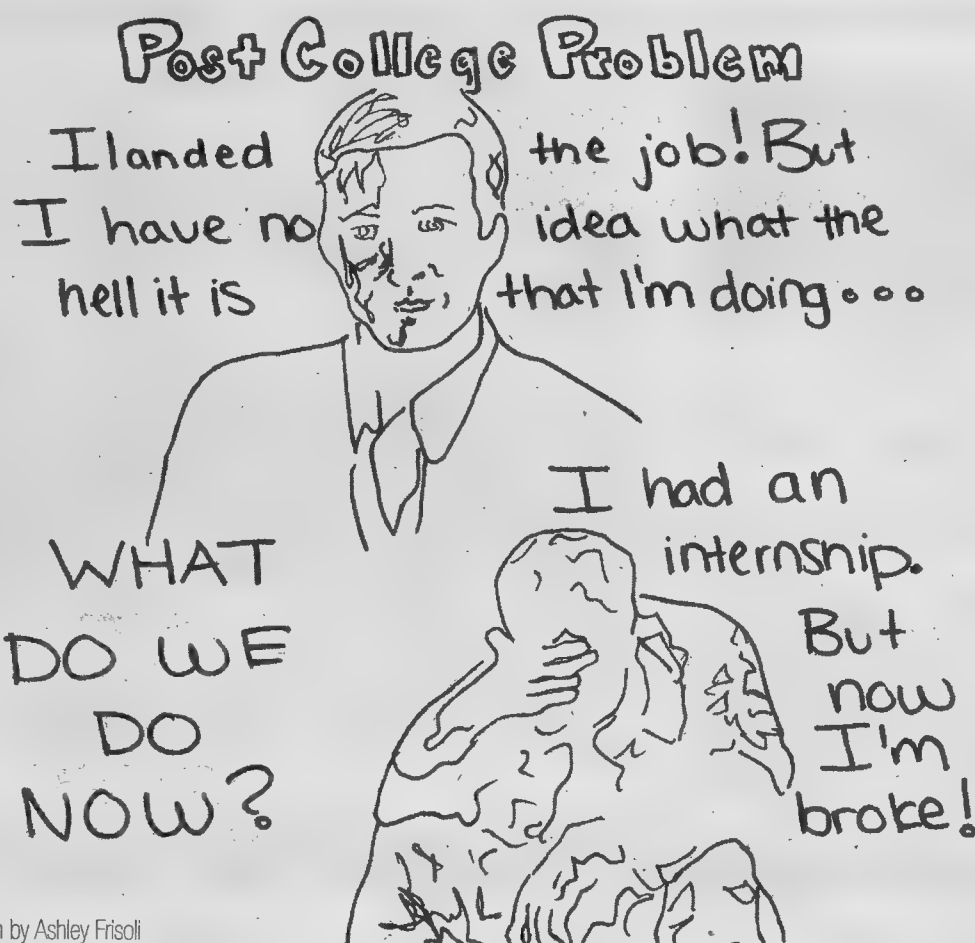


Illustration by Ashley Frisoli

## COLUMNISTS



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## Weather isn't climate

Wasn't the weekend beautiful?

OK — full disclosure — I wrote this last Tuesday. But, if my desktop weather report turns out to be remotely accurate, it will indeed have been quite beautiful.

Anyway, I hope you had a great time this weekend because, unfortunately, I found those shockingly nice days a little depressing. Sadly, I was unable to spend the weekend with the one person I wanted to most — Senator James Inhofe.

Had the Oklahoman senator serendipitously arrived at North Beach on one of those 30-degrees-above-average days, then and only then would I have felt complete.

You see, Inhofe is the Senate's resident global warming denier. He's called it the "greatest hoax perpetrated on the American people," and, during Washington's recent

"Snowmageddon," he recruited his grandchildren for an important task — building an igloo near the capitol with a sign saying "Al Gore's New Home."

Of course, you can't choose your atmospheric outliers.

Had Inhofe been in Burlington for our little patch of early summer, perhaps we could have gotten him to concede what every kindergartener already knows — the weather and the climate are different.

And that's the kicker. This seemingly elementary bit of knowledge has actually hamstrung environmentalists.

In theory, people understand the difference between weather and climate. But in reality, it's easy to mix them up. "Climate" is an abstraction, and people give it meaning through their concrete experiences with the "weather."

For example, *The New York Times* recently covered the growing divide between meteorologists and climatologists. As it turns out, meteorologists — who cover short-term weather patterns — are significantly more likely to be global warming skeptics than their long-term counterparts.

Americans follow a similar track. According to Gallup, the percentage of Americans who believe that the "seriousness of global warming" has been "generally exaggerated" has shot up to 48 percent over the last

year. That's almost 20 points higher than in 2006.

Now that's somewhat understandable — according to NASA's recently released data, the 2009-2010 winter was the U.S.'s coldest in 25 years.

But there's an obvious problem with this approach to the issue — it uses a very thin lens.

Take NASA's data for the winter as a whole and — surprise, surprise — things were still unusually warm. Like, really warm. In fact, after the 2006-2007 winter, this past season was the warmest since the start of record keeping.

Take a look at NASA's winter-long map and you'll see a swath of blue, indicating below normal temperatures, stretching across the U.S., Northern Europe, and well, nowhere else. Just a whole lot of red.

And perversely, while our winter was unusually cold, Canada had the warmest winter on record!

So the main point is simple: keep the focus zoomed out. Through that lens the picture is exceptionally clear.

And if Inhofe and company can't follow those simple directions, then we might just need to send them back to kindergarten.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

**ADVERTISING**  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Make summer... shorter?



ZACH DESPART

Now that summer seems to be just around the corner — peculiarly early this year, but I'll let Baldassare take on that argument — it's a perfect time to discuss ... why summer vacation should be shortened by lengthening the school year.

Now before you get all hot and bothered, I'm not talking making college semesters longer, but K-12 education.

Currently, American students spend 180 days in school, shorter than students in England (190) and Australia (200), and lagging far behind South Korea and Japan, where students are in class for 243 days.

The consequences of this disparity are clear. A 2005 study of eighth grade standardized test scores of 12 industrialized nations funded by the Department of Education ranked the United States eighth in math and ninth in science. China and Japan topped both lists.

President Obama has expressed support in increasing the length of the school year. Though lengthening the school year is about as popular as Congress — 16 percent approval and rolling, baby — it is a step that needs to be taken to close the gap between American schoolchildren and their overseas counterparts.

Studies suggest that such a long summer recess is bad for students, who often forget much of what they learned the year before. This is a double-edged sword — as productivity is lost when teachers have to spend time reiterating past material.

Education has dropped out of

the national discussion just like millions of American students are dropping out of high school. A 2009 Alliance for Excellent Education report listed the graduation rate of American high school students at 71 percent.

This translates into 1.2 million student dropouts each year, more than half of whom are persons of color. Denmark, Japan, Poland, Germany and Finland post graduation rates of above 90 percent.

A classic American solution is to throw more money at the problem, though this may not be an effective measure.

A 2008 piece in *TIME* magazine stated that the United States already spends more money per pupil than most other industrialized nations, yet still lags behind in math and science. This doesn't suggest, however, that education isn't underfunded at the federal level.

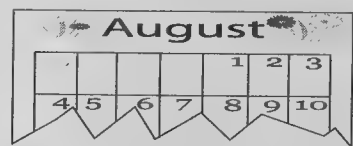
The 2009 Department of Education budget was \$62.6

billion, just 9.5 percent of the \$651 billion budget of the Department of Defense. The White House and Education Secretary Arne Duncan have also moved to reform the No Child Left Behind Act, which passed with huge bipartisan support in 2001, by issuing an outline titled "A Blueprint for Reform."

Instead of relying on strict standards for schools to meet, the Obama plan is more flexible. The plan also extends support to public charter schools, which have longer school days as well as mandatory summer classes.

Education reform is a boring topic, but one that is as integral to our nation's growth as improving our health care system or infrastructure. Hey, a few more days indoors in June isn't going to kill anyone. In fact, you might learn something.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## It can happen here

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the fluff piece on Obama, but his health care law requires a somewhat more critical eye than you have provided.

You write that "[d]espite the sacrifices made by Obama to tackle bipartisanship obstacles, more than 30 million Americans will soon find themselves with affordable health care options." This statement is problematic for at least four reasons.

First, to say that he made concessions because of opposition insinuates that his hand was forced. However, the decision to throw the public option under the bus was political, not pragmatic, in nature. Seeking to appear moderate, searching in vain for Republican votes, the president refused to use reconciliation to get the public option in the Senate bill. He thereby relinquished what was by his own admission a key aspect of any reform. He stated in an interview with *The Washington Post* that "I didn't campaign on the public option." Classy.

Second, the recalcitrance of the Republican minority is not a valid excuse for the warped outcome of the bill. The Democrats maintained unassailable majorities in both houses. Ultimate responsibility lies exclusively with the discord of the party and the failure of the president, through his lackluster, disingenuous and vacillating leadership, to reconcile it.

Third, the health insurance provided for by the bill is "affordable" only in the shallowest of ways. The bill amounts to a massive transfer of wealth from the coffers of the federal government to those of the insurance industry on the backs of America's middle class and small businesses. It does little to control costs and insurance premiums. Viewed holistically, it represents a fiscal boondoggle, bound to run heavily over budget upon full implementation.

Fourth, the "health care options" you reference are not options at all. Congress, taking a blatantly unconstitutional action, has decreed that employers and individuals must purchase health insurance, and furthermore must purchase it from private insurers. These are the same companies whose stranglehold, rather than being broken as the president and Congress allegedly intended, has been reinforced with 30 million new customers and a completely captive market, held there by the federal government.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Teel  
Class of 2012



MAX KRIEGER

## Don't be boring this summer

What is summer? To some, it is a fun-filled vacation. To others, it is a time to make a little money before going back to school. In any case, summer should never be boring.

In high school, summer usually meant bumming around your hometown, getting up at the crack of noon and doing basically nothing.

If you were feeling especially industrious, you may even have had a part-time job or worked as

a camp counselor.

In college, summer proves to be a bit more important. Students unfortunately have to start thinking about the real world by finding internships and jobs.

Gone are the days where students could laze about in the summer sun, letting their minds melt in the heat and forgetting most of the lessons learned that school year.

Now they need to build a resume, look for internships and start life as an adult. At the very least, they hope to get an apartment away from home.

I think this whole summer ritual of finding a job and getting ready for the real world is ridiculous. I don't know if that is because I fear commitment or I am just lazy, but for some reason it seems fundamentally wrong.

This is the best time of our lives. We should be off exploring the world, climbing mountains, meeting people and having fun. No other time in our lives do

we have the fitness of mind and body to do basically anything.

Thankfully, my hopes of having an adventurous and interesting summer are being given a fighting chance by something unexpected: the great recession.

### This is the best time of our lives. We should be off exploring the world, climbing mountains, meeting people and having fun.

This year, huge numbers of students hoping to find work are having serious trouble. The work force is flooded with people hoping to find any sort of jobs and many businesses are forced to downsize.

In wake of these events, what are students to do? To find the answer, one must think outside of the box. However, you should

probably start by asking your parents for some money. After that, go about finding something worthwhile to do.

You can volunteer in a foreign country and have your room and board paid through programs such as the Peace Corps.

Or you could find a job on a cruise ship and sail around the world seeing interesting things.

For all I care you could backpack across Europe and wear a Speedo on the beach to fit in.

Even if you stay at home and build a miniature city in your garage out of Legos and papier-mache it will be something to talk about.

Whatever you end up doing, I beg you to do something interesting. Nothing is worse than coming back to school the next year and hearing how boring everyone's summer was.

*Max Krieger is a freshman political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



MICHAEL FARLEY

## Summer stats

College kids love stats, so here's one to chew on: You're going to get dumb this summer.

Sorry, it's a fact — better yet, it's a stat.

Yep, stats don't lie — you read them in textbooks and newspapers; they give us data we can comprehend, control our lives and keep records, just to name a few of the beautiful things stats do for us.

The bad part is, right now the

stats are stacked against us.

Researchers from UC Berkeley, Johns Hopkins and even the folks at the Sylvan Learning Center all agree that while our brains are focused on summertime sunshine, some of us could lose up to 80 percent of the knowledge we've gained over the school year.

To focus in on that stat a bit more, the dormant summertime brain could lose up to 2.6 years of mathematical skill over the brief span of a few festivals and fishing trips — stats about you forgetting what you've learned in your stats class. Ouch.

There are a few things we can do, but you're not going to like them.

We're in college, you know, so while we could rely on summer school and sleep-away camps for everything from Brit Lit to Quantum Physics, those aren't

likely choices for us academically advanced adolescents with more on our summer plates than physics.

But like I said, we're in college, so it is time to take just a little responsibility for our own learning.

Luckily, the same researchers who informed us about our mid-vacation thoughtlessness have also provided some much needed advice for us summertime slackers.

I did warn you, though.

Studying up on the things you learned is one surefire way to keep all that info in one place.

I know it may not sound like the craziest summer activity out there, but what would it hurt to crack open a book or two? Even opening up a filled notebook here and there wouldn't kill you.

Reading is pretty much a given. When was the last time

you perused your hometown's book stacks? I bet there's even a librarian there who remembers you. Why not pay them a visit and bring some books wherever you venture off to?

Picking up a hobby will keep your brain active and thinking. Something as useful as tying knots, braiding rope or building a fire from scratch — or even just filling out the crossword or Sudoku after you read the newspaper — will exercise your mind.

So whatever your fun summer plans are, include something other than thoughts of barbecues, beaches and bikinis. After all, nothing tops off a bomb beach body like a good tan and some brains to boot.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*





**ALEXA ALGIOS** | The Vermont Cynic  
Ray Vega's jazz ensemble performed original compositions and arrangements on March 28.

## SPRING MUSIC AND MOVIE PREVIEW

With the beginning of warm beach weather and thoughts of summertime comes many album and film releases. This spring, look out for a change of pace from MGMT and a comic book-inspired spoof of traditional superhero movies.

April 13

### Congratulations / MGMT

The electropop standouts of 2007 return with a sophomore album full of psychedelic licks and surf-pop.

April 16

### Kick-Ass

In the screenplay version of a popular comic book series by Mark Millar, a no-name high schooler decides to become a superhero — without any credentials.

April 27

### Trans-Continental Hustle/Gogol Bordello

The fifth album from gypsy punkers primarily draws inspiration from lead singer's life in Brazil.

May 7

### Iron Man 2

In the sequel, billionaire inventor Tony Stark faces pressure to share his technology with the military. Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow and Don Cheadle star in a battle against powerful enemies.

May 4

### Together / New Pornographers

The Canadian indie rock 8-piece returns after a three-year hiatus with a more rock-oriented sound.

May 14

### Robin Hood

In a remake of the popular tale, Mark Strong, Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett tell the heroic story of an archer who fights against the Normandy invaders.

## A musical conversation

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

Caressing each key tenderly, musicians coerced individual notes out of brass, bass, drums and guitar.

Ray Vega's Burlington Jazz Ensemble presented original compositions and arrangements on March 28 at a performance at the UVM Recital Hall.

For Vega, who began his UVM career in September 2008, this was the second performance of this year's ensemble.

"What I did was I made a group of two students from UVM and two local musicians who represent a good picture of younger players in this area. They play very different from what I'm used to ... reflects the generation," he said.

After 47 years in New York City, Vega made the move with his family to Burlington, where he said that the quality of life is better.

Vega first picked up the trumpet in the South Bronx in middle school. This background had a profound affect on him.

During the performance at the recital hall, he transitioned into each piece with a brief description of its origin and his personal experience that influenced the selection.

For original arrangement "It's a New York Thing," Vega explained his shift in attitude when revisiting the Big Apple from Vermont.

But he still misses New York. "New York has a lot of tradition. [There are] certain things I miss — I miss the level of musicianship I was dealing with in N.Y. Choices [in Burlington] are much more limited," Vega said.

Prior to his work at UVM, the professor taught at SUNY Purchase, which houses a conservatory program where the students attending were all music majors. At UVM, many are not.

He describes his students — while often novice — as very creative and audacious in their approach.

As an accomplished trumpet player, Vega is in the process of releasing a CD with Seattle-based Origin Records. The album is the work of both Vega and internationally acclaimed Marriott Thomas.

Inspirations for his work are many, from Miles Davis and Duke Ellington to the early navigators of Latin-inspired jazz.

"The list is long, [but] Miles definitely sticks out. He influences me as a trumpet stylist and innovator as a band leader," he said. "Overall, he was the entire package — the Picasso of jazz."

Vega is involved in many projects, from the Los Angeles Philharmonic to groups in San Francisco, New York and Seattle. His career has opened many doors for him as a musician, as he has been able to travel around the world.

"It's given me the opportunity to be able to be able to meet different faces brought together. Jazz represents freedom, intellect and community," Vega said.

Vega's compositions communicate with his audience and the varying generations he works with.

The main concern with the Burlington scene is that there is no venue that has taken a chance to commit to jazz on Saturday nights, Vega said.

Vega hopes to change this, as Muddy Waters will feature the UVM professor on Saturday nights in the latter part of April.

"[Jazz] gives people the opportunity to communicate. It calms everybody down."

Ray Vega  
UVM Professor

## WRUV at Nectar's

By Chris Leo Palermino  
Arts Editor



**ALEXA ALGIOS** | The Vermont Cynic  
Southern Vermont-based reggae act Goldtown plays at Nectar's for the WRUV benefit.

On March 26, WRUV took over Burlington staple Nectar's for a night of local music.

The concert, featuring local reggae act Gold Town and punk rockers Spirit Animal, hoped to raise money for the radio station.

The inaugural benefit concert is part of a deal with Nectar's, according to WRUV Music Director Andrew Seier.

The benefit is the first of three WRUV-sponsored shows at Nectar's this semester. Nectar's gives the radio station 100 percent of the entrance fee, Seier said.

In return, the radio station will play Nectar's-sponsored shows at Brennan's Pub live.

## Giving voice to the written word

By Julia Wejchert  
Senior Staff Writer

A combination art gallery and coffeehouse, the Block Gallery in Winooski hosts a storytelling and poetry open mic event, which give writers an outlet for their work.

The event, held each Sunday, began in February when the gallery moved to a larger location and opened a coffee shop, Block Gallery owner Loreleh Harris said.

"We opened up the coffee shop — Winooski really needed a community spot," Harris said. "We decided to [host] a lot of community events."

One of these events is the weekly open mic where anyone can come and read their poetry or prose in front of a small crowd.

"We do an hour of readings and then we have a little intermission and make coffee drinks, and then we keep going until everyone has a chance to read," Harris said.

The open mic attracts mostly people from the Burlington area, but it has seen writers from farther away as well.

"This past Sunday it was great; a couple of people came from Syracuse and read," Harris said.

While everyone is welcome, the event has been especially

attractive to students.

This may be because Dan Ritter, a Champlain College student and Block Gallery employee, has told fellow students about the event, he said.

On March 30, the gallery had a special writers' open mic for a Champlain College class.

"One of the things many of us are afraid of in the beginning is competing."

Daniel Lusk  
UVM Professor

"For an advanced poetry class at Champlain, students are required to do public poetry reading," Ritter said. "[Students from the class] came and their professor also had some other people come."

The open mic has also led a writer's group to host their meetings at the Block Gallery on Wednesday nights.

Truly embodying the community aspect, different groups of people meeting at the gallery can be beneficial to each

other.

"Especially being young, seeing people who have been doing this for a while was interesting," Ritter, a writer himself, said.

In addition to being helpful for fulfilling class requirements or learning from other writers, events such as the open mic can be a good way for students interested in writing to practice reading their work.

"I think it's important for young writers to have an opportunity to give voice to their work," UVM English professor Daniel Lusk, who teaches creative writing, said.

The Block Gallery's open mic also provides writers with a receptive audience.

"One of the things many of us are afraid of in the beginning is competing," he said. "If it's a situation that people are there to really appreciate your work, then that's a good thing."

The Block Gallery aims to create a space for this kind of appreciation.

"[Harris's] idea of opening the gallery was ... a safehouse for people who need a place to gather and be artistic," Ritter said.

The Block Gallery, located at 1 East Allen Street in Winooski, hosts the open mic from 2-4 p.m. every Sunday afternoon.



# Summer brings heat, but not from the police

## Burlington crime rates go down as students pack up for summer months

**By Katie Renda**  
Staff Writer

Some might expect to find their stuff stolen while out of town for summer break, but statistics from the Burlington Police Department (BPD) show that when students return to off-campus housing for the school year, criminals are much more eager to pounce.

Crime rates over the summer decrease despite the fact that students are gone for the summer, which leaves an empty house for intruders.

"Generally the 24-hour population is substantially reduced, so over the summer the crime rate is lower," UVM Police Department Captain Timothy Bilodeau said.

When people are in town there are more things to steal, like iPods and other items that are easy to carry, he said.

Regardless of where students live, a good portion of the undergraduate community leaves, Bilodeau said.

There were 67 cases of larceny reported for this past July and August, however in September and October, there were 81 incidents of larceny, according to the BPD crime statistics report.

Larceny includes theft from vehicles, off of porches for example, and other theft that doesn't necessarily qualify as a burglary, Morrison said.

Senior David Tyburski, who lives in downtown Burlington, said that he wasn't surprised to hear that crime rates are lower in the summer, even though he lived in Burlington over the summer and experienced a car break-in.

Tyburski said that he thinks that burglars are thirsty for free stuff regardless of the season.

"It makes sense that the crime rate is lower because so much of Burlington's population is out of town, but I generally think that the off-campus areas where most college students live are a target to burglars no matter what time of year," he said.

Lt. Jennifer Morrison of the BPD said that according to Department statistics, there were more reports of vandalism when students were back in town for the school year than over the

summer.

Vandalism includes acts like graffiti and destruction to property and vehicles, Morrison said.

In July and August of last summer, 32 reports of vandalism were recorded by the BPD, but in September and October, there were 48 incidents of vandalism, according to the report.

There were also fewer violations such as noise complaints over the summer, according to the BPD report.

According to the report, there were 122 noise complaints reported to police in July and August last summer. In September and October, 193 noise complaints were reported.

"The downtown scene was a lot quieter over the summer than during the school year," Tyburski said.

The only statistic that showed a higher rate of illegal activity over the summer was pure burglary, according to the report.

In July and August, there were 23 reports of burglary, but in September and October, there were 15 burglaries, according to the report.

The data covers a police patrol area that is called "the Hills," which houses most students living off campus, Morrison said.

The Hills area is generally bordered by Winooski Avenue to the west, Main Street to the south and then up directly east to Winooski and South Burlington, she said.

The Hills area has more transient traffic, which means students come and go more frequently, she said.

"There's more foot traffic and more people wandering around, so it's harder to tell if people are out of place," Morrison said.

People don't tend to recognize their neighbors as much so they can't tell who belongs where, she said.

"That certainly creates a pool of things worth stealing, but let's face it, there are nicer areas with other things worth stealing but they don't get hit as hard," she said.

Other more residential areas in Burlington don't get hit as hard because they tend to be more secluded and house people with

families, she said.

Regardless of what statistics show, Morrison said that none of this indicates a major trend or change between the two time periods.

Morrison said that prevention is key, especially when getting people to get people to lock up their things and be vigilant in reporting suspicious events or persons.

"The University does a number of initiatives around the safety of students off campus," Gail Shampnois, director of the Office of Community and Relations at UVM, said.

Programs like off-campus living workshops and e-mail newsletters keep students informed on safety tips, she said.

"In September and October, our office delivers 'welcome bags' to about 400 households and has conversations with the off-campus student residents about living successfully in the community as a tenant and a neighbor," Shampnois said.

The bags include safety information, as well as a "Personal Safety and Relationship Violence" brochure and a magnet with resource numbers, she said.

Shampnois said that it is also important for students to establish relationships with neighbors.

"That way, neighbors are more able to determine if criminal activity is happening when they are away and alert the police to it," she said.

Students should also ask their neighbors to keep an eye on their homes when they are out of town," Shampnois said.







DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

## Swim into spring

### THE STYLE FILES



KATIE GIOIA &amp; CINDY AMOAKO

The month of April has finally graced us with its presence and it's time to hit up North Beach — or the campus green — with your bengin' new bathing suit. Here are some of our favorite new trends for you to pick and choose from.

**Pin-up style:** Bring it back to the 1950s with this modestly cut style that, although a one-piece, will nonetheless accentuate your curves. The bottoms are typically boy shorts, if that's more of your thing. And if you can't handle the one-piece, there are two-piece options that still have the pin-up neckline and will still make you look classy and glamorous!

**Underwire:** The best part of your bra just became part of your bathing suit! Try underwire bathing suit tops for added lift and/or support.

**Prints:** There are so many types to choose from: animal prints, neon prints, animal neon prints, geometric patterns — you name it. Or, if you just want the traditional yellow polka-dotted or monochromatic, go for it. A tip from us: In general, darker colors tend to minimize, and lighter colors tend to maximize,

so use discretion!

**Tankinis:** Looking to show a little less skin? Don't settle for a shirt and Sofee shorts! Tankinis are a cute alternative and loosely cover your stomach without losing that bikini look.

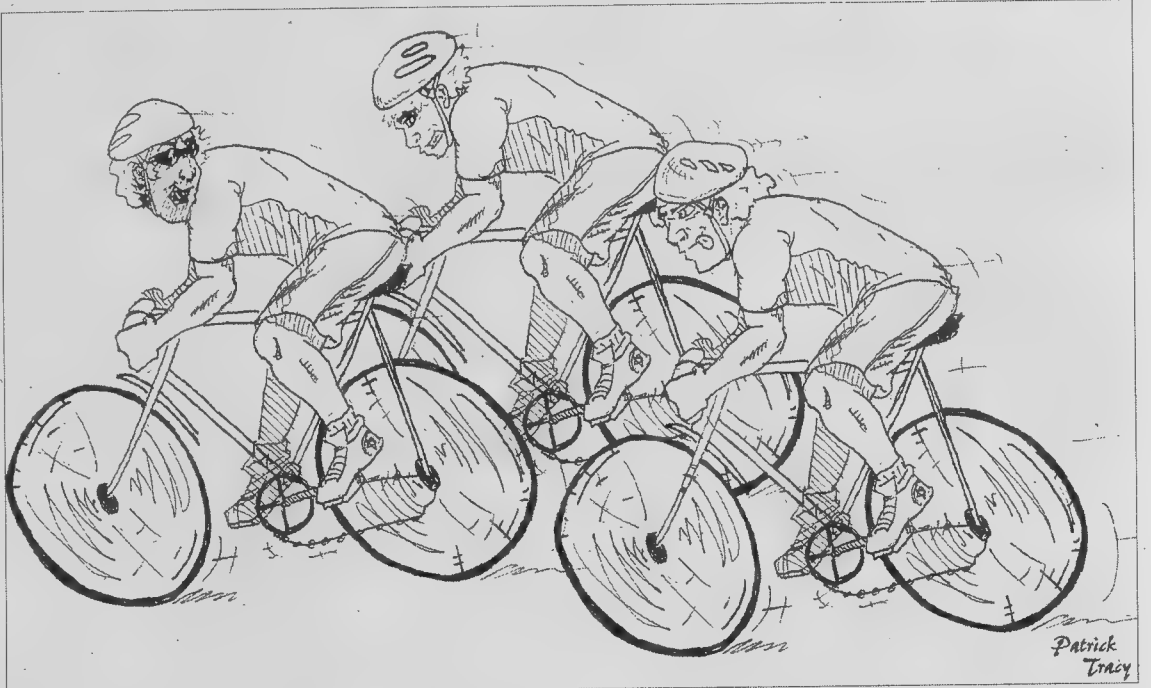
**Details:** For those of you who aren't satisfied with just fabric, search for bathing suits that are spiced up by those little things that make it unique. Fringes, beads and ruffles — many bathing suit bottoms have ruffle skirts attached — are big this season. Try things that really pull a suit together, such as rings or buckles.

**Monokinis:** We saved the best for last: Never heard of it? Imagine a one-piece with the whole middle cut out except one skinny part in the front. Depending on your preference, the amount that's cut out can vary — there are monokinis that cover more of the stomach, and ones that are practically connected by a string. While they don't create the best tan lines, they're definitely worth a shot.

**Cover-ups:** There are a lot of cheap options out there for your attire for your trip to the beach or the pool, but if you're not interested in investing, any old dress — particularly one that is flowy — should work fine.

Believe us, your bathing suit from junior year of high school is not something you want to recycle. Look around — you're in for a pleasant surprise. Happy spring!

# Let's go ride a bike



By Liz Bruner  
Staff Writer

Bikes with broken frames, flat tires and rusted chains are strewn throughout campus, and it seems no one is willing to repair them.

This will all change with the initiatives of UVM's newest prospective club, the Bike Users Group (BUG). BUG is trying to help create a way to get more bikes off of those beat up bike racks, according to its founders.

"[The mission of BUG is to] promote bike use within the UVM community and provide a hub for bike users and bike culture," junior Todd Alleger and BUG member said.

"We want to give students access to bike maintenance and bike maintenance skills while also giving everyone free access to a bike," junior Jesse Simmons and BUG founder said.

The new club hopes to start a bike-sharing fleet and bike repair shop on campus, because there is currently no such place on campus that offers those services.

"We will hopefully get a space where we can have a co-op, which will give us space for students to work on their bikes," senior and BUG member Phil Fandel said.

Once a cooperative is established, students will feel more encouraged and actually have the resources to ensure bike riding as an easier way to travel,

he said.

Along with repairing and using bikes, one of the biggest goals of BUG is to work with the community and create student-community partnerships, Simmons said.

"We got together and decided that Burlington and the University of Vermont is the perfect spot geographically and culturally for a bike-sharing program," he said.

While BUG is still in its embryonic stage, Simmons said all of its current members are looking optimistically towards the future.

"It's exciting because anyone who joins can really have a stake in where BUG goes," he said. "Anyone and everyone can offer something to BUG at this point in time."

As a bike rider around campus, UVM anthropology professor Luis Vivanco wants to see more support for cyclists.

"There is no quicker, healthier and more ecologically sustainable way to move yourself around Burlington than a bicycle," he said.

Community members and students bike around Burlington — especially in the summer — as a mode of transportation.

Junior Victoria Pulie said she is spending her first summer in Burlington and hopes to hop on a bike when she needs to get

around town.

"I plan on riding my bike as much as possible over the summer," she said. "It makes sense because the parking downtown can be a nightmare sometimes. Plus it's good exercise and fun."

Vivanco said the infrastructure of bike paths in Burlington is another perk.

"On a quiet weekday when the crowds are thin, the bike path can't be beat for a quick ride of stunning scenic beauty," he said.

This summer, Vivanco is teaching a course titled Bicycles, Globalization and Sustainability, which will discuss bikes and their relation to global issues.

"The courses I teach are highly interactive and discussion-centered. We'll have readings on bicycle cultures and advocacy and we'll watch and discuss a number of films," he said.

The class will not be your ordinary lecture-style course, either. "We'll be on two wheels, starting with a bicycle safety session with a trainer from the League of American Bicyclists and several fieldtrips," he said.

In a car-centered culture, it is difficult for Americans to think of bikes as a practical way to get around, Vivanco said.

"Getting used to biking should be a cinch [for those who don't already ride]," he said.

## How do you stay focused with summer so close?

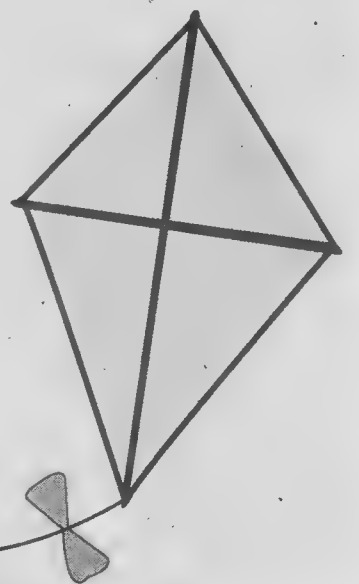
**Meghan Magee, sophomore:** "I've built a tent in the library. I also consume entirely too much Diet Coke and smoke way too many cigarettes."

**Chelsea Manning, freshman:** "Keep the finish line in sight!"

**Ricky Fitzpatrick, freshman:** "I can't. I don't."

**Ayano Honda, junior:** "It's hard. I try to get a lot of work done on days when it isn't nice out, but that doesn't always work."

**Shelby Parentau, junior:** "I have a reward system with myself. Finish this paper, and I get to eat that cookie."



### ΑΔΠ & ΣΦΕ Swing-A-Thon!

April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (2pm-2pm)  
On the corner of Main St. and South Union St.

Come support the Ronald McDonald House with Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon! The Swing-a-thon is a 24-hour charity event. All are welcome to swing by to support the Ronald McDonald House, enjoy music, and delicious food. The Ronald McDonald Houses around the world offer families a place to stay in close proximity to hospitals, while their children are hospitalized. We would love to see you there!

### ΑΔΠ & ΣΦΕ Swing-A-Thon!

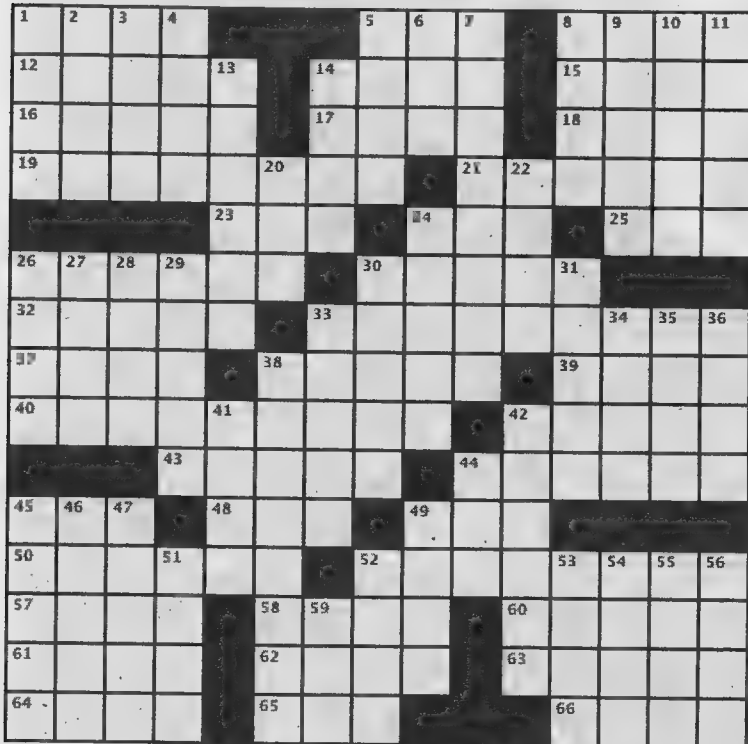
April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (2pm-2pm)  
On the corner of Main St. and South Union St.

Come support the Ronald McDonald House with Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon! The Swing-a-thon is a 24-hour charity event. All are welcome to swing by to support the Ronald McDonald House, enjoy music, and delicious food. The Ronald McDonald Houses around the world offer families a place to stay in close proximity to hospitals, while their children are hospitalized. We would love to see you there!



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## ACROSS

1- "\_\_\_\_" sprach  
Zarathustra"  
5- Bit of film, to a  
photog  
8- Zwei cubed  
12- Pale purple  
14- It may be happy  
15- Small combo  
16- Writer Loos  
17- French 101 verb  
18- Canvas shelter  
used on camping trips  
19- One of the 12  
tribes of Israel  
21- Period of  
immaturity  
23- \_\_\_\_ de guerre  
24- \_\_\_\_-Mart  
25- 13th letter of the  
Hebrew alphabet  
26- Of religious rites  
30- Foot-operated  
lever  
32- Band  
33- Lessen  
37- Architect Saarinen  
38- Icons  
39- Incandescence  
40- Long drawers with  
fancy trimming  
42- Feeble peevish  
complaint  
43- Shouts

44- One who feels bad  
45- Strike  
48- Feel bad about  
49- Driller's deg.  
50- Assumed name  
52- Plant or shrub  
57- Dangerous  
weapon  
58- Victor's cry  
60- Command  
61- Approached  
62- Not any  
63- Lobster state  
64- Dispatched  
65- Baseball stat  
66- Sneaky guy?

## DOWN

1- King of comedy  
2- Director Wertmuller  
3- Fall prey to a banana  
peel, say  
4- Swear words  
5- Words of denial  
6- Where it's at  
7- Explosive shells  
8- Env. notation  
9- Fatty part of milk  
10- Pivot  
11- Emblem  
13- Doze  
14- Steering wheel  
20- "You've got mail"  
co.

22- Norwegian king  
24- Water holes  
26- Pace  
27- Calculus  
calculation  
28- Maize  
29- Like tubers  
30- Schemes  
31- Illumination  
33- Designer Simpson  
34- Et \_\_\_\_  
35- Accent  
36- Large jug or  
pitcher  
38- Light  
41- Ethereal  
42- Sagacity  
44- Palm Pilot, e.g.  
45- Clock pointers  
46- Accustom  
47- Memento  
49- Contradict  
51- "She turned me  
into a \_\_\_\_! I got  
better..."  
52- Currency of Turkey,  
and formerly of Italy  
53- Enclose  
54- Comics canine  
55- 1996 Tony-winning  
musical  
56- Corner  
59- Armed conflict

# Comics

Soap on a Rope By Ashley Frisoli

March 26  
Dead Sessions

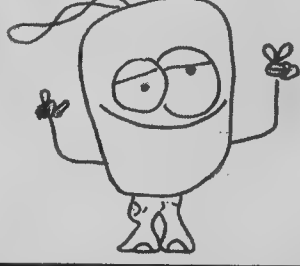


Sope on a Rope  
Attends His First  
Show

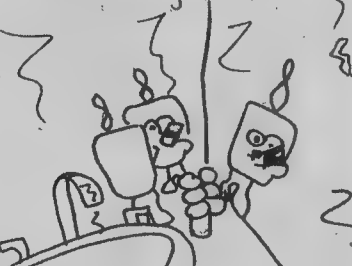
By Ashley Frisoli

I'm wired!  
I'm hopin' that they  
play the music  
never stopped, st.  
Stephen, going down  
the road feeling bad,  
tennesse Jed, not Fade  
Dancing in  
streets  
mplewood  
ripple

Go in to the dead  
sesh' tonight. Should  
be a good time.



Gunna drink some  
root beer before hand  
with my suds.



All we have  
is beer?  
Could have a root beer?  
Alright, I guess I'll take  
one of those...



Rock in good time  
dude. I'm still  
jammin' out...  
It's been  
three  
days  
since  
the  
show.



## Parking "Space"

By Patrick Tracy



## Springtime word jumble

.....spring sports.....

E I K T



F E S B I E R



R N G U I N N



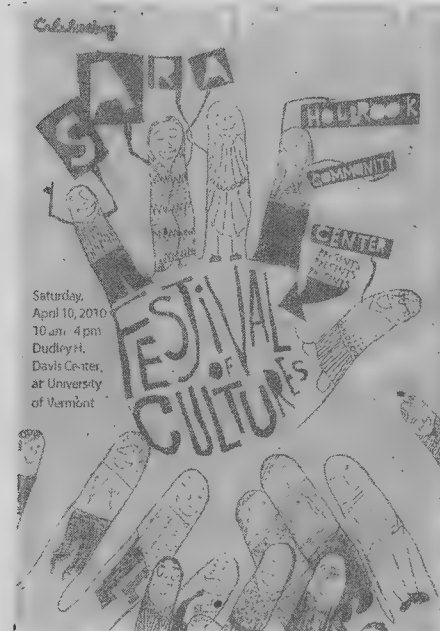
A G I O N B T



answer



DIVERSITY IS THE ONE TRUE THING WE ALL HAVE IN  
COMMON. CELEBRATE IT EVERY DAY. MAYA ANGELOU



SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH 10am- 4pm  
The Davis Center at the University of Vermont

Come meet your neighbors from around the world- right here in  
Burlington! For a multi-ethnic, international exposition highlighting  
Music, Dance, Visual Arts, Crafts, Costumes, Traditions, Food  
& Much More!

# Sudoku

## Easy

	2	7			5	1		
							5	4
	4				6	7		9
7			6	1		3	8	2
2	6	4		9	3			7
4		5	1				9	
9	7							
		8	2			4	7	

## Hard

		3				4		
			9	4				1
		2	5					
	7				5			6
	3	9				8	7	
4			1				9	
					8	9		
6				2	9			
		1				6		



# EVENTS

**tues.06: BEYOND MIDNIGHT (FILM)**

**7pm. williams 301**

**weds.07: UVM SKATES**

**8.45pm. pick up at dc oval**

**thur.08: LGBTQAPRIL CRAFT NIGHT**

**5.30pm. allen house**

**fri.09: LIFE ON HOLD (BAND)**

**8pm, brennan's**

**sat.10: FRESH (FILM)**

**5pm, billings lecture hall**

**sun.11: INT'L FILM & FOOD: ITALY**

**6pm, I/I fireplace lounge**

**uvm.edu/bored**



# Sex, adultery, lies: a look at the inseparable duo of scandal and sport



By Will Andreycaak  
Asst. Sports Editor

With the Masters a mere week away, media coverage over golf's most prestigious event is starting to heat up.

And when I speak of the event and the media covering it, I do not mean the actual tournament itself but the continuing saga that is the Tiger Woods scandal.

In case you have been living under a rock for the last four months, arguably the greatest golfer the sport has ever seen got himself into a little bit of trouble last December.

To make a very long story short, he cheated on his wife at least nine times.

Since the ground breaking story was first released, media coverage on the Woods scandal has been constant and merciless.

Public opinion of the once universally admired athlete plummeted and animosity flowed through the mouths, pens and keyboards of millions of fans and journalists.

Now as the Masters draws ever closer, the spotlight will once again shine without cessation on the Tiger Woods drama.

Since the story hit tabloid covers a few months ago, networks like ESPN aired pieces in which they gauged the public's opinion of Woods and the scandal.

In these pieces, people who claimed they were avid golf fans said that they had no respect for Woods as an athlete or a person, and that they would not watch golf if he were to return.

The ignorance of such a statement is beyond me. Tiger Woods did a despicable and awful thing to his family and his self-image, this much is certain.

But to claim that he should never step on a golf course again is absurd. What an athlete does off the field in their personal life should have no bearing on what they do on the field.

For all those who demand that Woods never play again or that they will never watch golf again if he does play are fools.

To those people I say this: Are you so righteous to make such a claim? Do you have such a clean slate in life where it sickens you to see someone cheat on his or her spouse and still be able to perform in the mainstream world of athletics?

Woods was certainly a role model to kids everywhere, and many people claim that he had a responsibility to act in such a fashion.

But where in Tiger Woods' job description does it say that he needs to act as a role model for children?

Sure, it would be nice if the athletes that our society's

kids looked up to were perfect human beings, but the fact is it is irresponsible and idiotic for our society to expect moral perfection from our athletes.

I certainly wouldn't want a child of mine to emulate the personal choices that Woods has made in his life, but I absolutely would encourage my kid to emulate the work ethic, philanthropic efforts and championship attitude that Woods has displayed over the last decade.

For now, Woods must endure the relentless spotlight, protesters and hate mail. But one consolation for Woods is that if history tells us anything, he will recover.

For years mainstream athletes have been able to commit sins that were previously considered unforgivable and still have been able to repair their image and return to the realm of universal stardom.

In the last decade, some of the most influential and popular athletes have fallen from grace in catastrophic fashion and were still able to recover and return to prior popularity.

In 2003, Kobe Bryant was accused of sexual assault of a 19-year-old hotel employee in Eagle, Colo. The charges were eventually dropped, but Bryant admitted to committing adulterous actions with the hotel employee.

At first, Bryant was crucified by the media and lost numerous sponsorships. But over time he was able to regain popular support and the sponsorships that he had lost.

The public forgave Bryant because despite his personal transgressions, and he continued to prove that he was the most talented and exciting basketball player in the world.

Just last year, arguably the best baseball player in the last decade, Alex Rodriguez, publicly admitted that he had taken steroids earlier in his career. Rodriguez had admitted to the greatest transgression a baseball player could commit: He was a cheat.

But less than a year after coming clean, Rodriguez helped lead the New York Yankees to a World Series Championship and public support skyrocketed. No one spoke of steroids, cheating or dishonesty; instead it was of winning, championships and redemption in the face of adversity.

By looking at the cases of Bryant and Rodriguez, Tiger Woods must feel overwhelmingly encouraged.

He has taken the necessary steps in the initial process of redeeming himself, and the healing process will do nothing but continue.

There is only one thing that Woods must now do in order to regain his rightful place in sports elite: Win.

Of course, the upcoming Masters will be a media circus that shoves relentless reminders of Tiger Woods' transgressions down our throats. But if Woods can somehow win golf's most prestigious event and begin to put the past behind him, we as fans will begin to do the same.

## UVM crew gets back in racing shape

By Jack Stratton Spina  
Cynic Correspondent

Imagine your usual Saturday morning at 6 a.m. It's freezing out, barely light and you are most likely fast asleep or passed out. While you are warm in your bed, the UVM crew team is hard at work on the Lamoille River getting ready for their spring 2010 season.

The team had a good showing at the New England Conference Championships last spring, where they came away with gold in men's varsity and women's novice, as well as taking silver in men's novice making a serious statement throughout the conference.

This momentum was carried into the fall season where the Cats medaled in several of the season's races.

With spring fast approaching, the Cats show no signs of slowing down.

Over spring break, the crew team took 56 of its members to Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Ga., the site of the 1996 Olympic Games. This week of training not only got the Cats back into racing shape, but it also allowed the team to work on their racecourse technique on the pristine waters.

"We have good connections between the coxswains and rowers already, we are like the brain and they are the muscles, however we have yet to hit our peak," Katie Lane, one of the men's team's coxswains said.

The season began last weekend with a preliminary race against Tufts.

The season picks up quickly from there, with an upcoming race against Franklin Pierce,

Middlebury, Conference Championships and the Dad Vail Regatta, which hosts 1500 athletes.

However, despite the success of the crew team, which has more than 60 members, the team gets little funding from the SGA and has to do a lot of its own fundraising in order to keep up with the competition of more well-funded and NCAA-sanctioned teams.

The team holds a row-athon, a fundraising event, every year and post ads in local papers for rent-a-rower, where someone can "rent" one of the crew team members for hired labor.

To explain the incredible work ethic and dedication of the crew team, Katie Lane said, quite simply, "we just love the water."

## Sport Shorts

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

### Irwin follows in Stalberg's footsteps

Senior Brayden Irwin just signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs. He will be following his former teammate Viktor Stalberg who left last year. The Maple Leaf's coach said that he will hit the ice for his first NHL game either against the Buffalo Sabres. Irwin has scored a total of 38 goals in his four years at UVM. He has also tallied 44 assists.

### Women's lacrosse falls to Albany

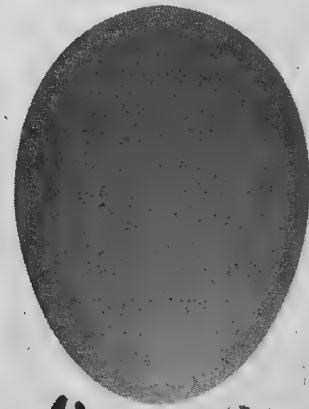
The women's lacrosse team opened their America East play on March 31. The Albany Great Danes were victorious with a score of 18-5. Albany took a four-goal lead early in the game. But, with goals by both senior Allison Haigh and sophomore Allison Pffol, Vermont cut the lead to two goals. Albany went into halftime with a 9-4 lead. Vermont was never able to recover and eventually fell 18-5. Junior Megan MacDonald also notched a goal for the Catamounts. After this game, Vermont fell to 2-6 overall on the season and 0-1 in league play.

### Madore Receives Hockey East Award

Sophomore Rob Madore was recently named the Hockey East Defensive Player of the week. Madore stopped 42 of the 49 shots in the Catamounts game against Wisconsin in the NCAA West Regional. With Madore's help, the Vermont hockey team was able to have a 17-15-7 season. The team made it to the NCAA tournament for the second-straight year and for the fifth time in school history.

## Free Film Screening and discussion with Director

# Fresh



Co-op members: Screening at 1:00 p.m. R.S.V.P.'s are due by APRIL 2.  
Non-members: A special public viewing at 5:00 p.m.  
More details at [www.citymarket.coop](http://www.citymarket.coop)



Your Community-Owned Grocery Store

82 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington VT 05401

Open 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. every day

802-861-9700

[www.citymarket.coop](http://www.citymarket.coop)

We welcome EBT, SNAP, Food Stamps, and manufacturers' coupons



# The return to the diamond

UVM students now have a club baseball option

By Donny O'Neill  
Staff Writer

There were many broken hearts around UVM's campus last spring as the varsity baseball team became a victim of a \$10.8 million budget cut by the University.

Players, fans and alumni alike were crushed when the school decided to cut the baseball program instead of imposing budget cuts on the higher profile sports such as

hockey, skiing or basketball.

Those who supported the baseball team through tough times last year are now rejoicing as baseball is making a return to UVM. The newly formed club baseball team is getting ready for the start of their season in the fall by scheduling about 10 games to play this spring.

The team will be taking these games against local high schools and colleges very seriously.

"Make no mistake about it, we will be treating the

scrimmages like they mean something," player Dan Maldonado said.

Since the program was cut last season, many people have wanted to continue the strong tradition of baseball at UVM. The 56 students who tried out for the team are a testament to the love of baseball that can be found around campus.

Owen Ozanich is one of three members of the club team who were on the varsity roster last year. He believes that the

atmosphere will be different from when the team was on the Division I level.

"The guys on the team are here not because they were recruited, but solely because they love the game," Ozanich said.

Love for the game doesn't always translate to play on the field though. It can only go so far, and Ozanich understands this.

"As a former player, I can say that the talent level on this

"The guys on the team are here not because they were recruited, but solely because they love the game."

Owen Ozanich  
UVM junior

team is second to none in the state of Vermont, including official NCAA programs at other universities," Ozanich said.

UVM baseball fans, although they do not have a varsity ball club, can claim at least a small victory in the fight to restore the tradition of baseball to UVM's campus.

The newly formed club team brings the national pastime back to students and alumni alike.

## The 2009-2010 men's hockey team

A look back at the roller-coaster ride that was

By Will Andreycaak  
Asst. Sports Editor

Entering the 2009-2010 season, the men's hockey team had to replicate one of the most successful seasons in school history.

Last season, Vermont was ranked as high as third in the national poll and reached the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Tournament. They were able to reach the Frozen Four but lost to eventual national champion Boston University 5-4 in the national semifinal.

This season, Vermont looked to replicate the success they were able to create last year and make it back to the NCAA tournament once again.

Overall, Vermont experienced an up-and-down season marred by mid-season controversy and highlighted by a dramatic Hockey East tournament run, as well as a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Vermont finished the season 17-15-7 (9-11-7 HEA) and was ranked in the national top 20 all year long.



**BRYANT HUGHES** | The Vermont Cynic  
Sophomore goalie Rob Madore makes a save vs. Boston University. Madore's play in net was critical to the Catamounts success this season.

There were solid wins against Denver and Yale, and two dramatic wins against rival Boston University.

The team also endured devastating losses to teams that were less superior such as Merrimack.

Another blow was the dismissal of second-leading scorer Justin Milo. Milo was dismissed mid-season for vague reasons that were left mostly

unexplained to the media and the community.

Despite the controversy, UVM was able to salvage what could have been a disastrous blow and was able to make a run in the difficult Hockey East Conference tournament.

After losing in the semifinals to Boston College, a bid for the NCAA tournament was in doubt. But when the tournament field was announced Vermont was

included as a No. 4 seed in their region against Wisconsin.

In the NCAA tournament game, Vermont jumped out to a 2-1 first period lead before falling 3-2, bringing the roller coaster ride of a season to an end.

"These are terrific young men that are going to do very well. Our seniors in particular are going to do very well, not only in their hockey futures but

in life in general because of the quality of their character," head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

Many believed that Vermont did not deserve to make the tournament, but senior Brian Roloff thought otherwise.

"There was a lot of doubt around college hockey about [us]. But with our community and our locker room we felt like we belonged to be here," Roloff said.

THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** 4/6  
Men's lacrosse @  
Holy Cross  
7 p.m.

**Wednesday** 4/7  
Women's lacrosse  
@ UMBC  
1 p.m.

**Friday** 4/9  
Track and Field  
Dartmouth  
Invitational  
3 p.m.

**Saturday** 4/10  
Women's lacrosse  
vs. Binghamton  
12 p.m.

**Sunday** 4/11  
Men's lacrosse @  
Albany  
3 p.m.

NEXTWEEK

**Wednesday** 4/14  
Track and Field  
@ Holy Cross  
Heptathlon  
TBA

**Wednesday** 4/14  
Women's lacrosse  
vs. Lemoyne  
3 p.m.

**Thursday** 4/15  
Track and Field  
@ Holy Cross  
Heptathlon  
TBA

**Thursday** 4/15  
Track and Field  
@ Princeton  
Invitational  
TBA

**Saturday** 4/17  
Track and Field @  
Middelbury  
TBA

**Saturday** 4/17  
Men's lacrosse @  
Hartford  
1 p.m.

**Sunday** 4/18  
Women's lacrosse  
vs. California  
12 p.m.





**POINT COUNTERPOINT**  
‘Freshman’ or ‘first year’ — the debate is on

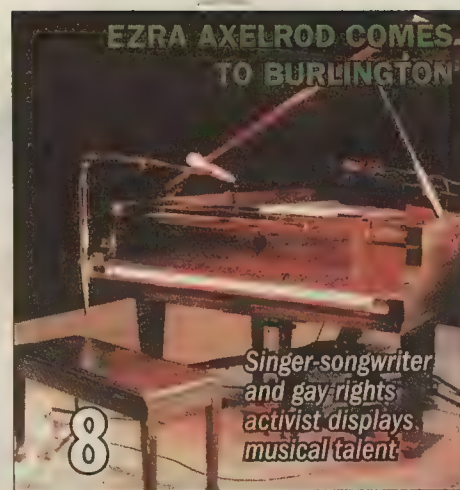
**STUDENT PIRATES**  
Illegally downloading music is second nature to many college students

**EZRA AXELROD COMES TO BURLINGTON**

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, April 13, 2010 — Volume 126 Issue 25 | Burlington, Vermont



Singer-songwriter and gay rights activist displays musical talent

## Administration changes graduation ceremony

One ceremony for all colleges will bring the University together and save over \$170,000, administrators say

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

Seniors this year will be the first UVM students to graduate with their entire class.

Unlike previous years, the University has made commencement into a single ceremony rather than separate ceremonies for each of the schools and colleges.

“We really want to make a statement that we are a University and want to give students a chance to walk across the stage at once,” UVM Vice President of Executive Operations and Chief of Staff Gary Derr said. “We want to say that we are one main university.”

The University also saved close to \$175,000 by joining ceremonies, President Daniel Mark Fogel said.

However, not all students are excited about the change.

“By having such a large graduation, I think it takes away that special experience students get to share within their major,” senior Kate Rooney said.

Rooney is a nursing student and said she was looking forward to separate ceremonies because she has smaller class sizes and has spent her four years at UVM with the same group of students.

Although there are drawbacks to having a single ceremony, Fogel said that the University is confident that the change will be better for students and families.

“I have high hopes that this

year’s ceremony will be a pilot that people will find gratifying and rewarding,” he said. “Now we’re going to celebrate as a main university.”

“[Combining colleges and

**“We really want to make a statement that we are a University and want to give students a chance to walk across the stage at once”**

**Gary Derr**

*UVM Vice President of Executive Operations and Chief of Staff*

schools] is more cost effective and may be more effective in terms of other resources, like people’s time,” President Fogel said.

Although the actual graduation time is longer, the total amount of time that people save during the day is shorter because people don’t have to travel off campus, he said.

“We simply ran out of hours in the day,” Derr said.

Graduation this year will last about 3 hours, 30 minutes, he

said.

Senior Jesse Curran felt that although three and a half hours is a long time, graduation is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Curran, who is in the School of Business and Administration, also values the benefit of being able to see all of his friends walk across the stage, rather than just the students in his school.

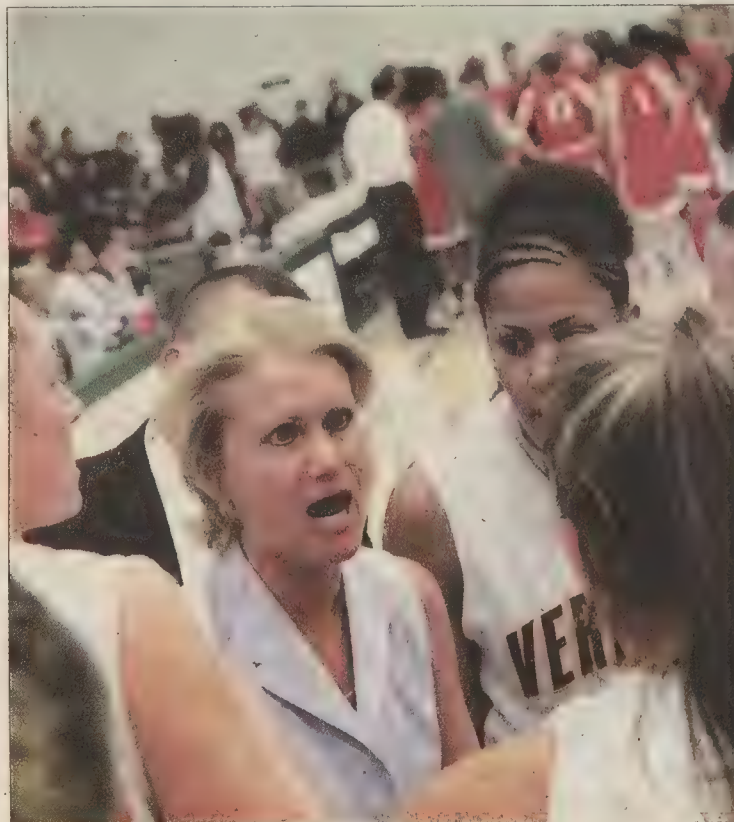
“The biggest part for me is that you get to see all of your friends graduate, not just the people in your school or college,” Curran said. “I can put up with an extra hour and a half to see that.”

President Fogel said that it is a great advantage that students on graduation day will now all stay on campus and will all stay in one place.

In previous years, three of the seven undergraduate colleges didn’t have their graduation ceremonies on campus, Derr said. They were either at the Sheraton or the Flynn Center downtown.

Despite concerns, Fogel said that he felt people generally seem to understand that the change is well motivated and worth a try.

“Commencement is an extremely important day in the lives of graduates and also in the academic life of the colleges and universities, and we want to make it special,” President Fogel said. “All of these efforts are aimed achieving that.”



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

Former UVM women’s basketball coach Sharon Dawley has resigned to take a new coaching position at UMass. Dawley leaves behind a legacy of 16 seasons and 265 wins.

## Women’s basketball coach resigns, goes to UMass

Staff Report

Women’s basketball head coach Sharon Dawley has resigned her position to accept a coaching position at the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Robert Corran, UVM Director of Athletics, announced the news on April 6.

“We are very disappointed to lose Sharon, and particularly after such a wonderful season,” Corran said. “But we recognize that good coaches are in high demand and she is definitely a good coach. Sharon has been offered and has accepted an

exceptional opportunity at UMass, and we wish her the very best.”

Dawley is the program’s all-time leader in wins, with a total career record of 265-148 in 16 seasons.

This season, Dawley led the Catamounts to their second straight America East title and appearance in the NCAA tournament.

The Catamounts defeated Wisconsin in the first round of the NCAA tournament but ended their season with a loss against Notre Dame in the second round.



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

UVM fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) member Drew Hughes has been chosen to study on the the Tragos Quest to Greece through SigEp.

## UVM Greek goes to Greece SigEp member granted scholarship to study in Greece

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Out of hundreds of Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) undergraduates competing across the nation, only 16 will have the opportunity to go on an all expenses paid trip Greece.

One of them will be junior SigEp member Drew Hughes.

Hughes will be the second student to go on the Tragos Quest to Greece in UVM’s history.

The Tragos Quest to Greece is a ten day journey through

ancient Greece to learn about ancient Greek philosophy and leadership and to search for SigEp’s foundation, according to the SigEp website.

“One big thing they really want us to get out of this experience is how to teach so we can come back and share what we have learned and experienced,” he said. “We are going to learn how to live a balanced lifestyle throughout our entire lives.”

see Greece page 3

INDEX NEWS 1-3 — OPINION 4-5 — FEATURE 6-7 — ARTS 8 — LIFE 9 — DISTRACTIONS 10 — SPORTS 11-12

Want to work for The Cynic? No experience necessary. Contact cynic@uvm.edu

WE’RE ONLINE TOO! www.vermontcynic.com





**ALEXA ALGIOS** | The Vermont Cynic  
U.S. Census workers and volunteers hand out packets and supplies to encourage UVM students to fill out their forms. Many students still report confusion regarding the census process.



**ELLEN BRUNSGAARD** | The Vermont Cynic  
Marijuana and peripheralia sits dormant on textbooks. UVM students from the group Students for Sensible Drug Policy joined Denver, Colo. group SAFER's national campaign for a new drug policy.

## UVM students struggle to make sense of the Census

Some say they don't want to participate

By Alissa Todd  
Cynic Correspondent

Despite the efforts to get students to fill out the 2010 Census, many students say they are still confused about what the form is and are not sure they are going to fill it out.

"I saw a poster in my dorm for filling out the census and I see the table outside the library every day, but I don't actually know what it is or have any motivation to fill out the information," sophomore Liesel Huysentruyt said.

The census is a tally of the people in the United States that is used to determine the number of representatives each state should get in the House of Representatives, according to the U.S. Census Bureau website.

The Census is also taken to determine where money should be allocated, and where stores and district boundaries should be placed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Federal law requires citizens to fill out the form every ten years, states the U.S. Census Bureau website. The site states that under federal law those who do not fill out the census could be subject to up to \$100 in fines.

Some students, however, say they are finding obstacles in the process and don't understand why they need to participate.

"I filled out the form eventually, but it took me forever to get around to it," senior Lisa

Rosenberg said. "I don't really know what the point of it is."

Another student said that she thought it should be offered online.

"I would be much more likely to fill out the form if it were online," sophomore Miranda Berchten said. "I don't send anything through the actual mail nowadays."

Students who live on campus are supposed to fill out the form from April 1 to May 21, according to the UVM website. During this time, the form will be dropped off at their dorm.

"If you live on the college campus you should be filling it out there," a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau said. "It is counted differently there because it is under group quarters."

If people don't send back their forms by early April, Census Bureau representatives are going to visit households to collect the forms unless they live in group quarters such as dorms, the Census Bureau website states.

Also, if people don't tell the truth on the form they will be fined \$500, according to the Census Bureau website.

Still, not everyone is convinced, and some say they're not going to fill out the form.

"I don't think I'm going to," Huysentruyt said.

## Students argue alcohol worse than marijuana

Organization on campus joins national campaign to encourage safer decisions regarding drugs, alcohol

By Hillary Walton  
Staff Writer

UVM members of Students for Sensible Drug Policy joined in a national Drug Safety Awareness day last week to promote marijuana as a safer alternative to alcohol.

The organization in charge of the national campaign is called SAFER.

Based out of Denver, Colo., SAFER pushes for a national realization that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol, according to the organization's website.

"Obviously I'm not trying to force people to do any drug, but to make it a less biased choice because they really are the two most used substances, and marijuana is the safer of the two," junior and co-president for Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), Brendan Miller said.

The campaign stated that alcohol contributes to incredibly high numbers of overdose deaths, fights and injuries, sexual assaults and property damage,

**"You hear about kids going to the hospital for drinking all the time, but never for smoking weed."**

Molly McLaughlin  
UVM Freshman

while marijuana contributes to none of these things.

"I'd like to see an equalization of punishments at the very least," Miller said.

Miller said they planned fairly last minute, but they still managed to reach a few dozen students enjoying the warm weather outside the Bailey/Howe Library.

"I agree with the idea completely," freshman Molly McLaughlin said. "You hear about kids going to the hospital for drinking all the time, but never for smoking weed."

There will probably be a bigger event in the future, but so far no concrete plans had been made, Miller said.

"Public opinion is changing," he said. "The more support we have, [the more we] can get things done."

There is no SAFER group at UVM yet, but maybe the beginning of a UVM SAFER chapter would be one step in a progressive direction, Miller said.

## UVM Greek life welcomes new sorority

Kappa Beta Gama to become a Panhellenic organization

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

For the first time in 31 years, UVM Greek life will be accepting a new National Panhellenic sorority.

The women of Kappa Beta Gamma (KBG), a regional sorority, are going to join a National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sorority and bring it to UVM, KBG advisor Tatiana Sosa said.

KBG will no longer exist and the women will become a part of whichever NPC sorority they choose, she said.

The process is called extension, which means that the University is opening up the Greek community to allow another group in, Sosa said.

"Kappa Beta Gamma was formed as a PanHell interest group," Panhellenic President Ali Hollman said. "They have

proposed extension two times before this but it was never passed until now, and we are all very excited."

The new addition will bring UVM's total number of NPC sororities to five.

"For Greek life it is big step in the right direction. Having more options available only broadens how many people are going to go through recruitment," Sosa said. "It's always good to have options."

Hollman said she believes the change will not only be beneficial for the women of KBG but also for Greek life as a whole.

"I think it is going to bring a stronger sisterhood among all of the chapters. I think this is going to make people realize that we are a community and we are there to support one another and not just try and build strength within our own chapters," Hollman said.

KBG President Brittany

Scancarella said that it has always been the dream of the members to become a NPC organization.

"I think that our only fear is that our smaller group will become distant as we continue to grow, but I am confident that the bonds of sisterhood that we have formed over the course of this year will not only withstand the transition but strengthen as we grow together within a new organization," she said.

The extension committee, a group put together to select the NPC sorority for KBG, will make their decision on May 7.

"It is so exciting. Obviously with change comes hesitation, and there are people that are hesitant about this, but I think it is only going to make our community stronger," Hollman said. "These women have worked so hard to get this recognition, I am just so happy for them and the Greek community."

**UVM is a 2010  
Peace Corps Top College!**

Learn more at our Information Session

**Wednesday, April 7**

**12:30 PM**

Morrill Hall

Dean's Conference Room

University of Vermont

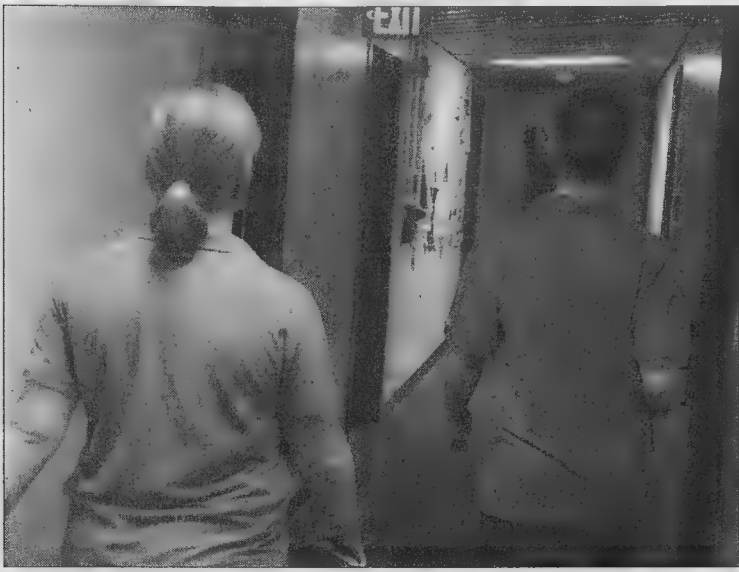


Life is calling. How far will you go?

**Peace Corps**

www.peacecorps.gov 800.424.8580





HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Two Residential Advisers complete their nightly community walks around CBWC on Central Campus. These walks happen twice a night on weekdays and three times on the weekends to make sure that residents are safe in their hall.

## Undergraduate says police didn't need to be called to her dorm

### RAs notified police after concerns about student's alcohol consumption

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

When it comes to safety, RAs are taught to err on the side of caution, but one student says that they overreacted when they called the police to her dorm recently.

A freshman physical therapy student said that she came back to her dorm one night and vomited after consuming alcohol, but that it was not necessary for the RA to call the police.

She threw up once in the bathroom and a couple RAs came in and asked if she was okay, she said.

"My boyfriend [told them] that I was fine. Then a different RA came back in a few minutes and asked, if I was okay," she said.

**"The RA's role is calling UVM rescue for someone who is actively vomiting, can't walk, slurring their speech."**

Christina Olstad  
Asst. Director for Athletic Campus and Peer Judicial Board Advisor

The student said she again explained that she was fine, but that the RA said that the police had already been called.

"The RA was like, 'I wish you had told me that 10 seconds ago, because I already called the police,'" she said.

She said that she was frustrated that the RAs called the police before checking on her and realizing that she was alright.

However, others said they believe that the RAs acted appropriately.

"The RAs role is calling UVM rescue for someone who is actively vomiting, can't walk, slurring their speech," Assistant Director for Athletic Campus and Peer Judicial Board Advisor Christina Olstad said.

The RA shouldn't make the

decision of whether or not the student is okay if that student consumed alcohol and has been vomiting, Olstad said.

"I am just frustrated that they never said anything [to me] about calling the police, and that nobody could back it up and say, 'she is fine, she is breathing, she is talking and she is coherent,'" the first year student said.

Peer Judicial Board members can't say that an RA has gone too far, because everyone has a different level of feeling safe, Olstad said.

"I can't determine what safety feels like for you. We say if you do not feel safe, or if these types of behaviors are occurring, call [UVM Rescue]," she said.

We don't want to put RAs in that position where they might put themselves in some liability, Assistant Residence Director Tomás Sanchez said.

"RAs aren't trained as well as medical professionals are. Therefore it's not up to [RAs] to determine who needs to be taken to the emergency room; it's really the UVM rescue folks," Sanchez said.

Very rarely can RAs handle a situation on their own. The most that they can do is get names, make sure to record the time, the circumstance, and what was said, RA Gina Cocchiari said.

"I personally would try and ask a few questions to gauge whether or not I felt the person was intoxicated," Cocchiari said. "It would also depend on my level of knowledge of the actual resident. If I felt that I knew them on a pretty personal level, I would try and probe a little bit and maybe try and go by their word more so than somebody I did not know."

However, RAs are not qualified to handle situations where residents need medical attention or could potentially get violent, she said.

"The school is not about to pay for us to all get first aid certified," Cocchiari said. "They are not about to train us all as EMTs, they are not going to teach us martial arts or how to defend ourselves and they are not going to give us a weapons."

## Students with disabilities speak

### VOICES panel sheds light on youths' ability

By Amanda Hayward  
Cynic Correspondent

Walking to class, using safe elevators and discerning speech in noisy rooms aren't concerns for most UVM students, but for students like senior Toby MacNutt or freshmen Grady Congleton, some of these little day-to-day occurrences can pose big challenges.

"I have profound hearing loss, and I use a cochlear implant to hear," Congleton said at last week's VOICES panel on ability. "Only about 200,000 people in the world have this implant."

Congleton said that one of the biggest obstacles he faces on campus is being in noisy places like dining halls or rooms that have poor acoustics because they affect his ability to hear.

MacNutt, who also attended the VOICES discussion, said that sometimes the difficulty with his disability, which impairs his ability to walk, comes from other students.

"Most of the struggles I've faced are because of people not thinking," MacNutt said.

"There is such a tiny visibly disabled population on campus, so no one is really forcing the thought process," he said. "When I arrived on campus, I was still invisible if I wanted to be."

Annie Cressey, a health educator for Health Promotions at the Center for Health and Wellbeing, facilitated the VOICES event.

"I think it is beneficial to hear peers out of the everyday context talk about their experiences," Cressey said.

MacNutt said he agreed that the discussion would help.

"The first step in getting people to deal with a problem is to let them know there is a problem," MacNutt said. "Be aware of how you interact with people."

Both panelists made a point to convey the importance of Education and advocacy.

"I went to a school for the deaf in Northampton, Mass. What they taught me was to advocate and educate. Education is key. It's just what I'm doing now, I'm educating you guys," Congleton said.

Cressey also serves as the advisor for Active Minds, a student group whose mission is to spread awareness and to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and mental health illnesses, Cressey said.

The Office of Accommodations, Consultation, Collaboration, and Educational Support Services (ACCESS), provides support services to students with disabilities.

These services include,

but aren't limited to, exam accommodations, note-taking technology and meetings with specialists, their website states.

Both MacNutt and Congleton said that the ACCESS has helped them.

"I've had a very good experience with ACCESS," Congleton said.

"They provide a transcriber and a computer so I can see what anyone is saying," he said.

"ACCESS has been a safety net," MacNutt said.

Though MacNutt and Congleton have both been presented with challenges in their lives, they said their hopes and ambitions overall haven't changed.

"I feel like I've set up clear and healthy expectations for my life," MacNutt said. "Why do I have to subscribe to anyone's definition of success?"

Congleton said that noticing people's differences is important.

"You see people walking around campus, they're looking down at their cell phones, or notebooks," Congleton said. "I want people to look up, see different people and see what challenges and successes other people have had with their disabilities and their lives."

## GREECE | Scholarship will send SigEp member to Greece



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

UVM fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) member Drew Hughes will be studying philosophy and learning leadership skills in Greece.

Hughes said that he feels like the most important part of the experience will be the people there.

"The people I meet there are going to be my friends for the rest of my life," he said. "That bond that we will build through this incredible experience is going to be so strong."

The trip will be from June 17-27, and all expenses will be paid for by the SigEp Education foundation, Hughes said.

"I am just stoked," he said. "I am still speechless, it is such an honor to be accepted."

Freshman SigEp member Justin Adelman said that Hughes is the reason that he joined the

fraternity.

"Drew is SigEp," Adelman said. "He fulfills every single quality of a good SigEp and a good fraternity brother as well as a good friend. He is a person who will make big changes in the world."



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
wsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News),  
Will Andreyak (Sports),  
Jason Scott (Copy), Matthew  
Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Danielle Bilotta,  
Jenny Mudarri

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen-  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Piracy among the masses

Buying music can quickly drain your bank account, especially if each song costs \$1.29 on iTunes.

Since college students tend to be fairly broke, these costs can seem particularly weighty — unless a cheaper alternative can be found.

Piracy has turned out to be that option.

Over a two-week period earlier this year, about 35 students had their Internet temporarily suspended for file sharing, according to Troy Headrick, assistant director of the Center for Student Ethics and Standards.

Due to the 2008 revisions concerning file sharing in the Higher Education Opportunity Act — an act that provides extra funding for universities — UVM is obligated to take preventative actions.

However, these actions can get expensive since University staff have to spend time sorting through violations and enforcing file-sharing policy.

It is a vicious cycle. Students pay the University tuition; hence many students do not have the extra money to spend on music. When students resort to illegal downloading, the University has to use the students' money to pay employees to stop them from downloading; so more of tuition goes to preventing downloading.

To avoid this loop-de-loop, music distribution must go through a change.

While Pandora and other jukebox websites allow the streaming of music off of the Internet, there still isn't a way to put music onto iPods without purchasing the song or downloading illegally.

Some students aren't comfortable with illegal downloading either, so they can't necessarily have access to all the songs they would like. The music industry is missing untapped possibilities.

"I definitely feel more legit when I pay for things," sophomore Erin Krug said. "I have a Pandora account, but I forget to use it sometimes."

Song rental could be an option — allowing students to "check out" music off of iTunes for a six-month time span for highly discounted prices.

If the music file expired after a certain amount of time, it would eliminate the threat of the song being passed along, and it would provide students with the cheap access to music they want.

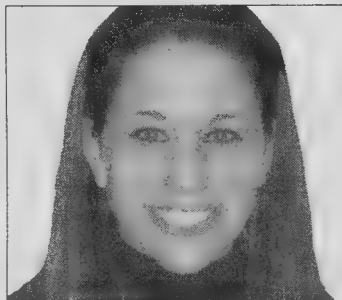
Just as libraries allow individuals to photocopy pages of books and take them out of the facility, music could find its equivalent.

Students continue to download and the University continues to enforce. Both actions inefficiently use resources.

A new musical outlet will save everyone the extra heartache and put money back into pockets — both the students' and the University's.



## GUEST COLUMNIST



ANA DRU ELLIS

"I had faith in Israel before it was established, I have faith in it now. I believe it has a glorious future before it — not just as another sovereign nation, but as an embodiment of the great ideals of our civilization."

Sixty-two years ago, President Harry Truman spoke these words, recognizing the relationship between the United States and Israel.

It took 11 minutes for the United States to recognize the state of Israel, and since that moment, the two have established bonds that began strong and continue to strengthen as both Israel and the United States commit themselves to democracy, human rights, freedom of the press and religion, and regional peace.

In recent weeks, some have questioned the viability of the United States-Israel relationship. The announcement of 1,600 new apartments to be

built in East Jerusalem came from the Israeli Interior Ministry during Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Israel in early March.

This abrupt announcement surprised both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — because of its timing — and Vice President Biden — because of its content — and it was a shock felt by both governments.

The American administration was insulted by the announcement and believes that Israeli building in East Jerusalem — beyond the 1949 Armistice lines — impedes the peace process.

The Israeli government, for its part, apologized profusely for the inappropriateness of the announcement's timing, but not for its content, as Jerusalem is its capital.

However, while some may say the relationship is at risk, neither government has proclaimed this.

It is now our time as students to encourage members of Congress and the executive branch that the alliance between the United States and Israel is not one that merely benefits Israel. It is vital to the United States as well. Our elected officials must remember that this alliance is one that is essential.

We each must ask: How

do we remind our government of the vital nature of this relationship? The first thing we can do is build relationships with members of our state government, our members of Congress and candidates for federal office.

By getting involved in the upcoming election the pro-Israel community can ensure that the alliance between the United States and Israel remains strong. Students can call and write their congressmen to let them know directly about the issue at hand and urge them not only to talk to the administration, but also to speak for the relationship between the United States and Israel.

Such efforts helped Congress recently declare that the relationship between the United States and Israel is an unbreakable one. We can make a difference.

Since Israel became a state in 1948 there have been 12 U.S. presidents. Each has spoken out in favor of the strong relationship and allegiance between the United States and Israel.

It is our time as students to speak out in favor of this alliance and to ensure that it continues to grow and strengthen today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

## CORRECTION

Last week's article on the new IRA officials was written by Katelyn Mohen, not Natalie DiBlasio.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"WHEN THEY'RE PROPOSING AN IDEA THAT VIOLATES OUR VALUES, VIOLATES OUR CONSCIENCE, VIOLATES OUR CONSTITUTION, WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING THE PARTY OF NO? WE'RE THE PARTY OF HELL NO!"**

— Sarah Palin, speaking at a meeting of the Republican Party on April 9.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

ADVERTISING  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



## COLUMNISTS



MICHAEL FARLEY

So there we were, discussing the plural of "freshman," when everything went awry.

Was it as moose is to moose, or as mice is to mouse?

It was an innocent debate, really — I barely listened — then things turned from simple and innocent to quite complex and simply obnoxious.

It seems that it doesn't matter what the plural of freshman is after all, because the University doesn't have freshmen.

No, we have a new breed of underclassmen: "first years."

**"Basically, it's this on-going debate. I don't know why it keeps going. Everyone's got a label."**

Jess Dubie  
UVM Junior

Actually, to be more politically correct, we have first-year underclass-people.

But I'm not particularly PC.

Anyway, the whole issue stems from a few ideas that UVM students are neither "fresh" and, perhaps the most important part, half of them aren't men. The term freshman, apparently, dates back to when only men attended college and incoming students were, thus, a "fresh man."

We've deduced that UVM students are neither a.) fresh, nor b.) all men. That's where first year comes in to play, right? However, we can do the same to "first year" those PC-minded

folks have done to freshman.

Suppose you've come to UVM and already have a few years of college under your belt. Not much, but some. Credit-wise you are — I'm going there — a freshman, and this is your third semester. Are you then a third-semester first year? Or a first year on their third semester? Or are you a second year, not quite a sophomore, third-semester first year?

And while we're discussing class classifications, why not get rid of "sophomore" along with "freshman"? Or is the beef with freshman that it has "man" in it rather than just it being archaic? If that's the case, do PC people want to change history classes to peoplestry classes?

The problem with being PC is that you will never, and I mean never, ever, make everyone happy no matter what term you use. Sure, some PC terms hold merit — call a friend of mine a "fag" and you just may find yourself on the wrong end of a fist; call me poor instead of broke and I really won't care.

Need more examples?

Mentally retarded is out, replaced with mentally handicapped, which is even getting flak for not being PC enough.

Low-income, not poor.

Servers, not waiters and waitresses.

Undocumented-workers instead of illegal immigrants.

The list of PC terms goes on and chokes our language to death with its ability to take words and twist them so they "sound" nice. In the end, it's not the words we use but how we use them. Changing the word doesn't change what the word

"Freshman" is a gender-biased term that assumes that students are men. It's archaic and originated in a time where education was reserved for men.

Though it may seem that it's just a term, the almost universal use of "freshman" quietly comments on gender inequality. Twelve of the Fortune 500 CEOs are women, while only 17 percent of the 111th Congress is female.

For every dollar a man makes in the United States, a woman makes 76 cents. Though I don't believe that "freshman" is used in a derogatory way, the mere denotation of the word assumes that all students are men, and therefore, aren't women.

Political correctness, as Mr. Farley points out, will not make everyone happy. But this does not mean that biased language has a place in society. "Freshman" doesn't carry the same stigma as "negro" or "retard," but it is a form of biased language.

Politically correct language isn't a move toward Orwellian Newspeak. Besides, if words and phrases are biased and exclusive, why would you want them in a language anyway?

Just because we have a myriad of words that demean persons of color, homosexuals and women doesn't mean we should use them.

A common argument against changing words and phrases to exclude biased language is that it's not a big deal. In that same vein then, it shouldn't be a big deal to adopt "first year." It's the same number of syllables, doesn't change the meaning of the phrase — in fact, it's more concise — and can easily be substituted into everyday language.

But a more interesting counter to the argument that gender-biased language isn't a big deal — why not make the switch to "freshwoman?" After

all, it better represents UVM students — 57 percent of which are female. Imagine the outrage that would incite.

Adopting "first year" instead of "freshman" isn't a form of radical feminism. Rather, it is reactionary — women consistently outnumber men in universities across the nation.

It's not even an issue of being politically correct; "first year" is simply a more accurate and straightforward term and reflects conditions that already exist.

Gender-neutral language isn't a restriction of free expression. The government

**"If it's not a big deal and supposedly doesn't matter, why not use a term that is more inclusive? After you make the switch, it will become second nature."**

Candace Morgan  
UVM Junior

doesn't mandate citizens to use politically correct language.

*The Cynic* is protected under the First Amendment to print a variety of obscenities — vulgar language, racial epithets, ethnic slurs, pornography, etc. Yet we choose not to publish such language because it is inappropriate for public discourse.

If *The Cynic* strives to be a progressive publication, it should follow the lead of the University and adopt "first year" as the appropriate term — there is no place for biased language in the 21st century, however subtle it may be.

ZACH DESPART



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Somalia has bigger issues

Dear editor,

Of all issues that Somalia faces, piracy is a non-issue. Piracy of ships is not limited to the Somali coast. Also piracy has been an issue since the start of civil war in Somalia in 1991.

Atrocities that have occurred on land have been largely ignored, but when commerce is threatened all nations show their eagerness to protect monetary value and ignore the human cost.

In his article, Zach Despart claims that "the problem with piracy off the coast of Africa [is that] rather than risk life and property by attempting a rescue, shipping companies will simply pay ransom to pirates." Piracy is a symptom of the problem.

The amount of money being spent collectively by more or less 25 countries on anti-piracy operations could probably save Somalia on its own.

The statement that "the more pressing danger is that these funds [referring to ransoms paid] are being used to buy arms by warlords — the de facto governors of Somalia — and by terrorist organizations. This includes Al Shabaab," is false.

There has been no tangible link found between al-Qaida and pirates nor has there been a strong link found between Al Shabaab and the pirates.

Despart described piracy as "Somalia's wealthiest industry ... Somali pirates received \$150 million in ransom that year."

In actuality, Somalia's largest money source comes from remittance, or handling money transfers, which reached \$1 billion in 2009, as reported by the United Nations Development Program.

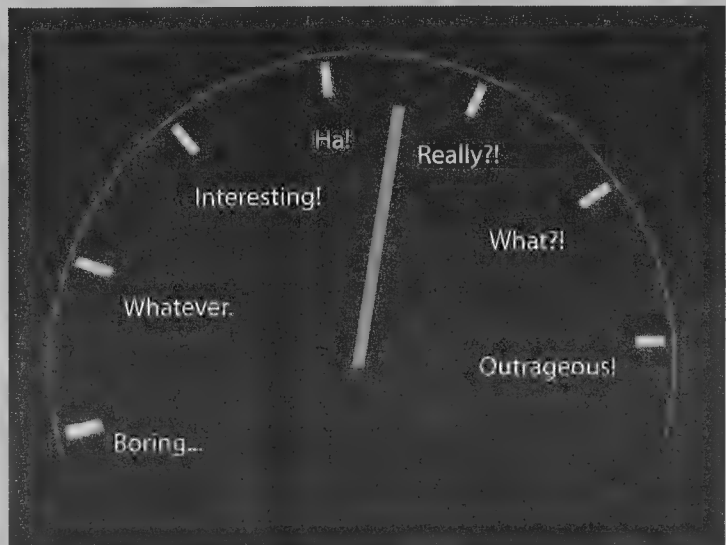
It should be clear that to "stop the pirates, stop the flow of cash to terrorist," there will have to be a stable state in the Horn of Africa.

If the West doesn't want to be Sisyphus and continue to watch the boulder roll down the hill, they will have to come to terms with the fact that shooting skinny Somali men in small boats will not stop piracy.

Most importantly, they will have to address the origin of the piracy issue; the grievance of the Somali people about their claim over fishing rights and toxic waste dumping in their territorial waters.

As long as Somalia's neighboring states and their Western allies stifle growth of Somali leadership, there will always be de jure powers fighting de facto powers resulting in an increase in reconciliation fatigue among the Somali people.

Sincerely,  
Maxamed Ibrahim  
Class of 2012



**Quick Opinions**  
From boring to outrageous in 5.3 seconds

## Farley

It's against church laws for gays to marry, but priests have been molesting boys for who knows how long? Who really needs to come out of the closet here?

## Despart

Offshore drilling? It's a temporary fix, not a solution. It's short-sighted thinking and can be used as an excuse not to continue developing renewable energies.

## Krieger

Can we please stop paying attention to Tiger Woods? There are 200 reporters watching the man play golf at the Masters for what reason? Aren't there two wars and a recession going on?

## Baldassare

This is not really an opinion per se, but I would like to point out that unemployment is down for essentially the first time since the recession. That's pretty cool.



## Administration



## TORRENTS



1

Downloading

Completed

Active

Inactive

Name

## Students suffer the consequences of illegal downloading

## A history of piracy

One day in April 1999, UVM received a copyright violation fax from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the first of its kind at UVM, in response to a students sharing music online.

More than 10 years later, piracy has become a solid fixture in Internet culture. Peer-to-peer (p2p) file-sharing clients like Frostwire and Limewire offer hundreds of thousands of free songs, movies and television shows that can be downloaded in mere minutes on high-speed broadband connections. According to students and UVM staff, the practice is widespread on campus.

Dean Williams, director of ETS Client Services, and member of UVM Information Technology (IT) department for 32 years, recalls when Napster, the first mainstream

p2p network, hit UVM.

Williams said that, in the fall of 1999, the use of Napster completely saturated UVM's Internet bandwidth. "We were all shocked when Napster appeared one fall, and mainly because it just killed our connections to the Internet. All of a sudden people were saying 'I can't get to any sites on campus.'"

UVM rapidly increased its bandwidth and no longer has concerns about running above capacity. However, Williams said that p2p media sharing traffic is still some of the highest use of the bandwidth.

In the hours between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., Williams said that the outgoing traffic exceeds the incoming traffic.

"If you look at graphs of traffic coming into the University and traffic leaving the University from the residence halls, traffic leaving the University is much greater

than what's coming in, and it's not because people are uploading a lot of pictures to Flickr and Facebook," Williams said.

While free music is a dream come true for some, many students quickly realize that like the majority of campuses in the United States, UVM has policies against file sharing.

"I know that one of my friends ... they shut off her wireless because her roommate was doing it, it wasn't even her. But if they take away your Internet, you can't do it anymore," sophomore Zandile Gamache said.

"It hasn't really scared me away, I feel like the people that I know that got caught, got caught downloading a lot of music," Gamache said.

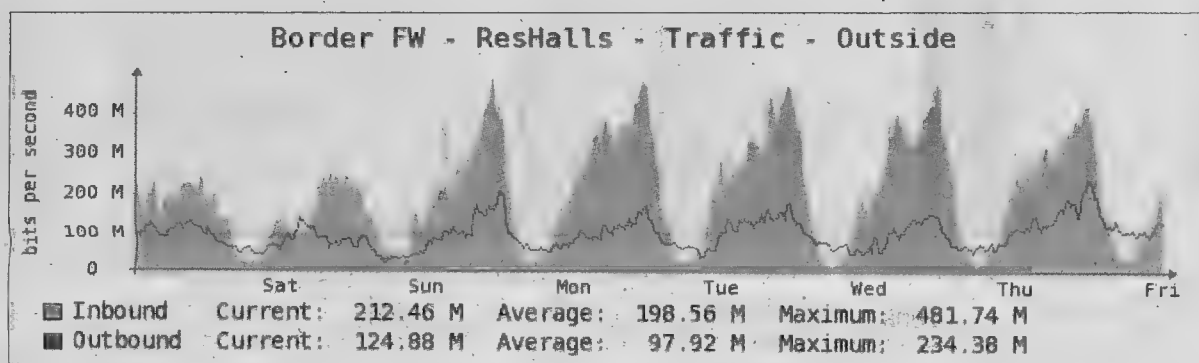
Junior Nick Downey says that after he got a notice from UVM for file sharing, he stopped file sharing on the network.

"I just started going to my friends off campus to download all my music, that's what it eventually came to," he said.

Downey's story is common. The majority of notified students stop file sharing on the campus network before any serious sanctions get placed on them.

"I don't think it's an issue that people are necessarily going out of their way to defy UVM policy, I don't get that at all," client services staff member Carol Caldwell-Edmonds said.

"A lot of the students I see here personally are first-year students — they're new, somebody else said, 'hey did you know you can do this?' and everybody finds out together when just one of them gets the take-down notice that no, you can't do that, at least not on UVM's network," Caldwell-Edmonds said.



## UVM's response

More than 10 years after that first fax, UVM is still receiving copyright notices, now over a variety of types of media that previous connection speeds could not handle. The University still responds with a variety of legal and disciplinary procedures, most of which are on display on the University's website.

While individual opinions vary, this is not simply a moral decree from the upper echelons of the IT department. UVM is, in many ways, caught in the middle of a long and complicated legal battle.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) is a large part of why UVM is compelled to do what it does.

While the Act increases federal money given to universities, funds scholarships and gives low-interest loans to students, its recent 2008 revision states specific requirements

with regard to file sharing. Universities now have to follow a host of guidelines and statutes regarding copyright policy by the July 2010 deadline in order to retain the HEOA support.

"Doing nothing is not an option, you clearly have to document what it is you've done and you clearly have to have certain kinds of things in place," UVM Chief Information Officer David Todd said. "It takes time and it takes money, you have to invest the staff time and you really don't have a choice."

Included in the mandate is a stipulation that colleges and universities have written plans to effectively combat piracy. These combative measures include the use of one or more technology-based deterrents, education of the campus, disciplinary procedures, and an internal review of the effectiveness of the deterrents.

The cost of these

measures, among others, has certainly raised concerns among those in higher education. In a 2008 study carried out by The Campus Computing Project, many campuses were found to be spending vast amounts of money in order to comply.

According to the study's survey results, public universities were found on average to be spending about \$22,500 on software to curb p2p file-sharing, \$65,000 on special hardware costs for p2p, and \$83,000 in other direct costs.

Of the options, one method of curbing downloading that UVM has looked into is bandwidth shaping — a process of limiting p2p access while prioritizing other internet uses such as web browsing and e-mail.

According to the minutes of the February UVM Board of Trustees audit committee, bandwidth shaping would have cost the University

\$150,000 a year had it been incorporated into UVM policy.

Aside from the cost of technological deterrents, a substantial number of work hours are put into responding to the complaints.

"A person's salary and time is dedicated to just following up the copyright infringements, that didn't used to be the case," Caldwell-Edmonds said.

The sending of notices to students upon receiving an e-mail from big studios and record companies is not unusual. However, part of what the HEOA mandates is that colleges across the state put student penalties and sanctions into their codes of student conduct.

If students don't respond to the initial e-mail from the UVM IT department, the student's Internet is temporarily disabled and the student's case is the responsibility of UVM's Center for Student Ethics and Standards. Meetings



# assails pirates



Info

Search

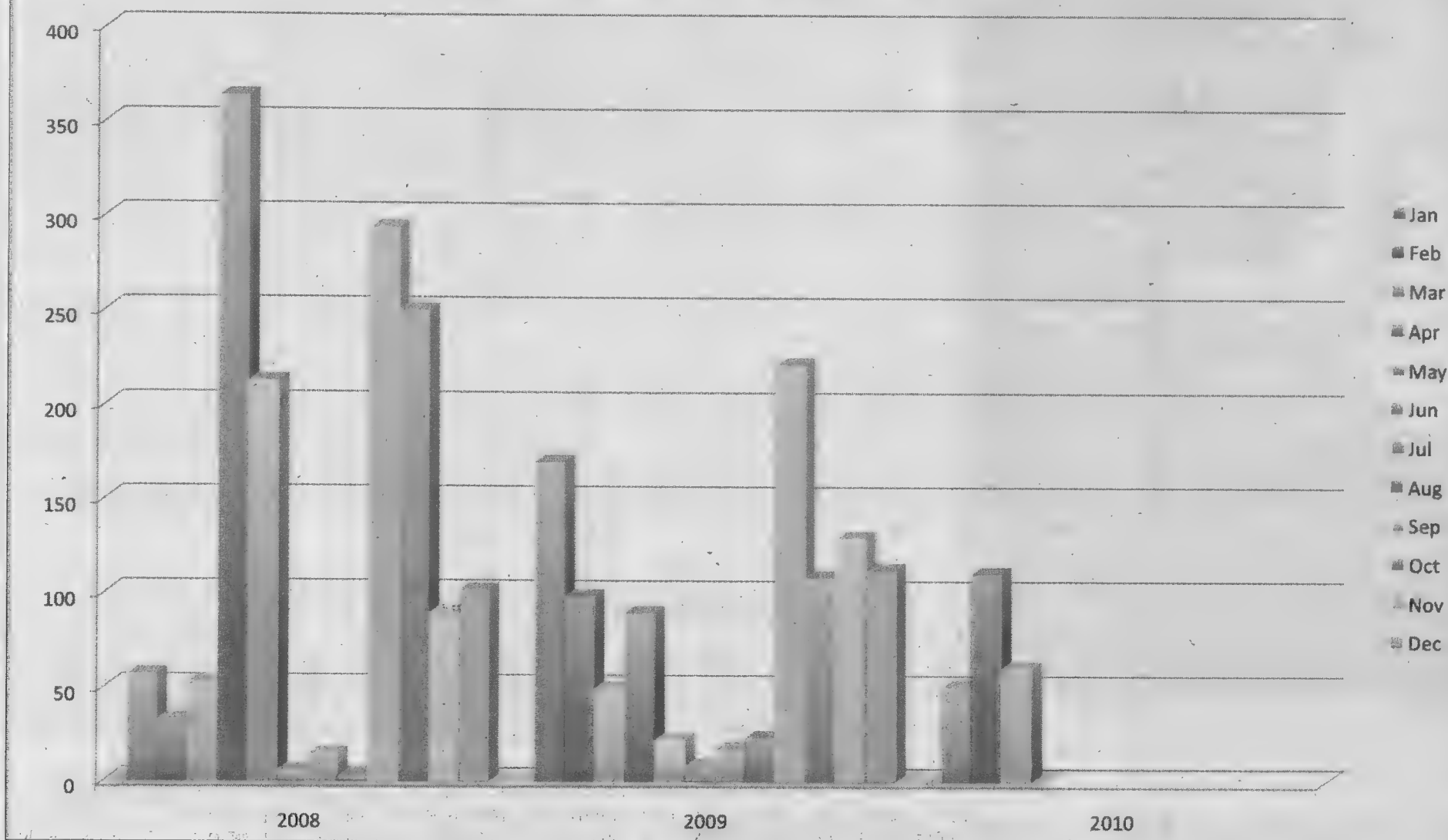
Size

Done

ETA

on campus - by Jeff Botula, Senior Staff Writer

**Copyright Complaints by Month,  
Jan. 2008 through March 28, 2010**



All infographs courtesy of UVM IT Department.

sanctions and disciplinary hearings can then follow.

Troy Headrick, assistant director of the Center for Student Ethics and Standards, gets letters from the IT department about students that have had their network temporarily suspended for file sharing.

"All of a sudden we've got like two or three days to turn those over for these students who for homework or whatever need access to the internet," Headrick said. "So we try to within a day or two get them in here, and it becomes a five to 10 minute meeting."

He estimated that it takes a substantial amount of time when spread among all the UVM personnel involved. "By the time all is said and done per case, it's probably about an hour, and that includes the meeting time and all the correspondences that happen before and after the events," he said.

## The value of stolen music

While UVM suggests alternatives to piracy, students don't necessarily see the other options replacing p2p sharing.

Sophomore Jeffrey Eng said that while he uses Pandora and other streaming sites, he also participates in file sharing.

"I use Pandora, but if I want to put it on my iPod or something, I would download it," Eng said.

Professor Thomas Streeter, who focuses on media, technology, law and culture, believes that behaviors can change over time, both in users of technology and in the companies that own the music.

"Apple's iTunes store was a major compromise between users and the industry, a compromise which has further developed over the years," Streeter said. "Now you can

buy unprotected iTunes music files for a dollar or so; in 1995, the music industry thought that such a practice would be the end of the world; but now they accept it."

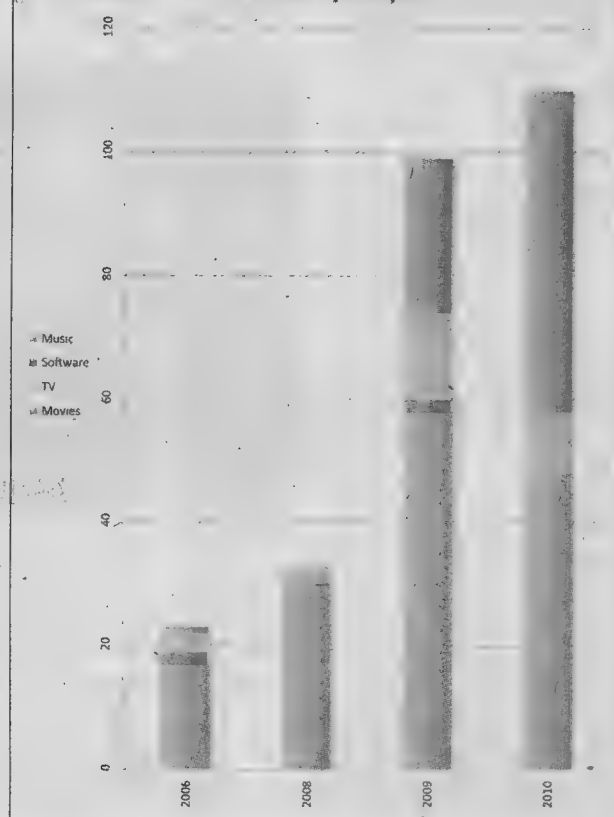
"Lots of different models are being explored, so it's still all up in the air," Streeter said.

Until a new method of music listening that appeases everyone emerges, Caldwell-Edmunds isn't convinced that the current model is working.

"I'm not saying the DMCA is not enforceable at UVM, I'm saying that in the bigger picture, I question how enforceable something like that can be in the long term," Caldwell-Edmunds said. "Why not just get on another network. Rent a room off campus, get a Comcast account."

"There has to be some kind of intelligent conversation, and we're not there yet," she said.

**Copyright Complaints,  
February Samples**



Files

Peers

↓ 0 KB/s

↑ 0 KB/s

0.351



# Gay rights activist returns to roots

## Eclectic interests and a conservative background define the style of classically trained singer-songwriter Ezra Axelrod



**ALEXA ALGIOS** | The Vermont Cynic  
Ezra Axelrod performing at FlynnSpace. The Middlebury alum and singer-songwriter combined classical piano and activism.

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

In conjunction with his two most passionate interests, singer-songwriter Ezra Axelrod combines activism with piano rock in a unique mix.

Born in Oregon, Axelrod has had many places he calls home. However, he still makes time for his alma mater Middlebury College and his college hangout spot, Burlington. He performed at FlynnSpace on April 9.

At age 3, Axelrod moved to La Grande, Ore., where his parents taught English at a small liberal arts college. He was raised in an environment of creative writing and expressive thought in the small conservative town.

"My parents are both professors. I grew up in a really artistic environment ... [they were] both authors and always in contact with famous authors," Axelrod said. "For as long as I can remember I would be surrounded by world-renowned authors."

Axelrod dabbled with music early on with the violin, cello and clarinet. His instruments of choice have since switched to piano and vocals.

By age 10, Axelrod had begun writing songs, a vehicle for discussing the controversial issues in his community.

"[The songwriting process]

is always a very natural thing. I think maybe the first song was the setting of a William Blake poem, and then I started writing lyrics," he said. "[In high school] writing was an escape, saying all those things."

**"It can be very dark. On my first album I'm kind of exploring the conflict and darkness, under the façade that everyone and I were putting forward."**

Ezra Axelrod  
Musician & gay rights activist

Axelrod described the confined and conservative views of La Grande's religious community as a place where things are unspoken.

"It can be very dark. On my first album I'm kind of exploring the conflict and darkness, under the façade that everyone and I were putting forward," he said.

Upon graduation, the valedictorian fell in love with Middlebury College and studied music there.

"I love Burlington — always

came up to hang. I love Vermont. I definitely see myself [here] if I had the opportunity to just do the creative work I would want to do here," Axelrod said.

Very different than the conservative west, Vermont continues to intrigue this musician of eclectic taste. His interest in cinema, specifically the work of renowned Spanish film director Pedro Almodovar, has had a profound influence on his worldview.

"He was a huge gay icon growing up, the way he represents the queer community. [He] brought up the issue for me," he said.

Axelrod's activism does not stop at his influences; his music and interviews reflect his work as a vocal gay rights activist, giving many lectures on queer issues. On the three-part song cycle "Patria," he touches upon issues of war and masculinity defined by violence.

Over seemingly innocent piano keys, he invokes the reality that exists for many adolescents involved in war-related conflict.

Currently, Axelrod's largest endeavor has been the experience of managing his ongoing tour. "I put the budget together myself, bookings, logistics ... I had no idea before this how to book a venue. I just think this knowledge is really valuable for an artist," Axelrod said.

# Instrumental jam quintet expands the limits of jazz

By Colin Driscoll  
Staff Writer

In Burlington, the ambiguous term "jam band" is thrown around quite a lot, but it doesn't fully capture the style of Japhy Ryder.

That's why Japhy Ryder, which headlined a lunchtime set at Brennan's on April 7, prefers not to be limited by this label.

"It's just a really weak way to describe a band," percussionist Joshua Pfiel said.

Matt Deluca, also a percussionist, agreed. He emphasized that Japhy Ryder is not a jam band due to the structured form of their songs.

"The amount of focus we actually have on a song form serves as a mechanism for exploration," Deluca said.

The exploration has allowed them to dabble in many genres, making their sound difficult to describe. The members cite a wide variety of musical influences, including Afro beat, hip hop, electronica and jazz.

Yet the band lets their instruments speak for themselves — Japhy Ryder's music has no lyrics. The reason for this is due to practicality, as the band feels that vocals would not mix well with their sound, according to bassist Pat Ormiston.

"There's never really been the right time to have a vocalist," he said.



Courtesy of Japhy Ryder

That's not to say things have always been consistent. The band often experiments with different sounds, all of which have somehow contributed to their developed, original sound.

"It's a constant process to get your sound," Deluca said. "It's ever-evolving."

The band's name comes from a character in the Jack Kerouac novel, "The Dharma Bums," which all of the band members found inspirational.

Not only are the band members' musical and literary tastes diverse, but they come from a wide range of places around the country as well.

It wasn't until they were students at St. Michael's College that they all met, where they decided to start the band in fall of 2003.

Originally, their band started off as a class project in a music class. By the time they graduated, they decided to stay in Burlington to keep their band together because of the vibrant community, according to Ormiston.

In spite of this, the band is not their full-time job — they all have careers of their own. For this reason, the band generally stays in the Burlington area for their shows.

Japhy Ryder hopes that their success will motivate future bands on the rise. Guitarist Zack DuPont stressed the importance of finding people you know you can trust.

"Get a solid group of kids that are going to stay together," he said.

**Campus REHAB GYM**

**Physical Therapy in Burlington**

We are excited to announce the addition of a new location at 257 South Union St. in Burlington! A short walk from the UVM campus, Campus RehabGYM is designed for convenience. It offers physical therapy and athletic training, as well as proactive care, to college students, club sport athletes, and the community.

Maria Thibault, PT, ATC, formerly of Sports Therapy services at UVM, now provides the same services through the Campus RehabGYM.

For more information, visit [www.rehabgym.com](http://www.rehabgym.com) or call 861-3222.



# UVM hits zesty high note

Additional co-ed a capella group invites all to sing along



ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic

Members of the new a capella group UVM Zest practice their music. They plan to hold tryouts for additional members in the fall.

By Allison Keller  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM Zest — the newest musical addition to the University — is determined to bring more opportunity for student involvement in the singing community.

"We are a group of down-to-earth individuals that want to bring together UVM students in an atmosphere that is accepting, energetic and full of fun," sophomore and UVM Zest member Emily Abernathy said.

The group is the fourth a cappella group functioning on campus.

Although they are currently composed of nine girls, they plan to audition for male parts in the fall, which will make them the second co-ed a cappella group at UVM, along with Hit Paws, Abernathy said.

"Rachel Koh, our founder, held auditions to start a new a cappella group at UVM in November because there are so many more singers on campus than there are spots in the existing groups," Abernathy said.

Although UVM Zest is not yet recognized by the SGA as an

official club, they expect to be recognized by the end of this year, so that they can start receiving funding next fall.

Hannah Lebel, music director of Cat's Meow, the all-girls a cappella group already established on campus, said having another a cappella group at UVM is a positive thing, not a competition.

"At a lot of schools there are far more than three a cappella groups, so I think it's great that we are expanding," Lebel said.

"It's so hard with so many students and interested persons, so this opens another door for those interested," she said.

Sophomore Hannah Hutton said she often attends a cappella performances on campus and is looking forward to hearing the new group.

"I think it is great that UVM is getting another group. I know there are a lot of students interested in a cappella on campus, and I'm excited to see how this new one differs from the others," she said.

UVM Zest does not have a set number of members that they will accept in the group, but they instead hope to include

as many students as possible, Abernathy said.

"If there are a lot of people who show up for tryouts in the fall it could become competitive, but that should not stop anyone from trying out," she said.

Kyle Rhodes, also a member of Cat's Meow, said she thinks having another a cappella group on campus would be beneficial, as she had to try out for her group multiple times before becoming a member.

"Our group gets more than 50 girls who come to audition each semester," Rhodes said.

"I personally think it is so great that there is another group, — it allows for more people to be involved with and perform this sort of music."

UVM Zest plans to sing out on the campus green and in front of the library, when the weather permits, to demonstrate the spontaneity that will set their group apart, Abernathy said.

"One of our goals is to be really present on campus with lots of spontaneous singing and crazy fun," she said. "We want people to know who we are and be able to sing along with us."

that would fit on a ski rack.

I knew I was the man because kids on the other side of the mall could hear me blasting the Dance Dance Revolution soundtrack.

To be honest, I wouldn't recommend overloading your trunk or your car's poor alternator with that much juice. But if you feel so compelled, I'll offer a few tips to those looking to build a serious car audio system.

Let's start with the cornerstone; the head unit. Since that Civic your uncle gave you didn't even come with a cassette deck, you're going to need something with iPod connectivity or at least a CD player.

Even if you want to keep it simple, it's worth shopping around a little and picking something up from a decent brand. Alpine consistently rates highly, but Clarion and Pioneer are quite nice as well.

Thanks to the Internet, there are a million places to pick one up cheaply, but be advised that if you pick something up you're going to have to install it, or pay someone else to do so.

It's not an impossible task, but a lot of people get intimidated when they see the mess of colored wires that is inevitably discovered when the old unit comes out.

To avoid this altogether, you

can always bring your car to Best Buy or another car audio place. The installation might cost a bit more, but you can circumnavigate the headache of putting it in completely.

You're also going to need some speakers. These are much easier to install, but you need something that matches your shiny new head unit.

The power your speakers can handle needs to be the same the head puts out. Too much and they'll blow, too little and they won't work properly.

That being said, you can't put sweet speakers on your car's factory tape deck and expect results — the speakers will be underpowered and probably sound terrible.

If you're really trying to step it up and add subwoofers, the same principle applies. But subs are a much bigger commitment — you'll lose a lot of cargo space and you definitely won't win any points with your girlfriend's dad.

So think long and hard about what kind of system is right for you. Maybe you're fine with what you've got — or maybe you just can't get Willa Ford to play loud enough.

If that's the case, go out there and get some King Kong in your trunk.

# All students now eligible for grant funded research

Mini Grants offers \$500 for "creative proposals" in both humanities and sciences

By Jeff Scott  
Cynic Correspondent

Honors students are not the only ones able to pursue funding for undergraduate research through the University.

UVM now offers up to \$500 in funding for each student interested in pursuing undergraduate research for faculty-mentored undergraduate research in all disciplines.

UVM Mini Grants, introduced this semester, offer students a chance to receive University money for expenses in any area of academic interest — including expenses associated with creative projects, according to the Honors College website.

Undergraduate Research Coordinator Gayle Bress said that the research can range from compiling a short documentary film, investigating modern art or composing and recording a folk/rock record, she said.

"We're hoping to fund as many creative proposals as we can," Bress said.

There are 20 awards of up to \$500 each available through this grant per semester, she said.

According to the Honors College website, 17 Mini Grants were awarded this spring, including 11 in the hard sciences.

Students pursuing creative research are happy to be exploring different options outside of the classroom and designing part of their education.

"Much of the time, it seems we as students and even individual learners are driven toward knowing a fact, being able to solve an equation and arguing a point effectively whether we agree with the point or not," senior Katie Moritz said.

Left-brain activities are not always the most educational tools, however.

"I have found that sense of creativity again in my senior year as I make my way through writing a collection of short stories focusing on how we experience our bodies in foreign environments," she said.

Moritz said that this feeling was ignited by her relationship with her faculty mentor, Lisa Schnell, who encouraged and

inspired her to take her creative work seriously.

Undergraduate students in all disciplines also have the opportunity to apply for URECA Grants, which are designed to promote mentored undergraduate research. These grants offer up to \$4,000 of support for students, including a \$1,000 outright award and up to \$3,000 in research expenses.

These competitive grants are "structured to mirror both the application process and the execution of a program that would typically be funded by an external granting agency," according to the Honors College website.

For students interested in doing scientific research in labs, there are additional funding opportunities.

One instance is the Science Summer research grants that offers funding for students in the sciences to pursue internships.

According to the Honors College website, there is a total of up to \$4,500 available per student under these grants, including a \$3,500 stipend.

There is not yet an equivalent grant for research in the humanities, however.

"It often costs more to do basic undergraduate scientific research than it does to do the same level of humanities research," senior Morgan Moeglein, who is pursuing a thesis research in plant biology said.

"However, there are many avenues for motivated science students to gain funding if they need it," she said.

Senior Tyler Mayo, who is working on a thesis in the classics, said he believes it is normal for scientific work to receive more funding.

"It seems like undergraduate research in the sciences is given a higher priority, whereas undergraduate programs for the humanities are focused more on having students just get their feet wet," he said.

"It would be nice if there were more accessible opportunities, but I have been able to do most of my research through getting books on interlibrary loan."

## THE STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

## King Kong in the trunk

The sun's finally coming out, and everybody's driving around enjoying it. Dog noses and human arms alike can be seen hanging out of car windows. Music is pumping from sunroofs.

Whether you just cruise around in your beat-up Subaru listening to Phish on repeat or you're from the other half of the UVM population that has Pauly D's latest mashup at volume 11, you can probably use an upgrade in the car audio department.

After all, you want "blowout" to describe your fresh haircut, not your speaker situation, right?

The beats I bump in my truck these days are pretty much limited to Jimmy Buffett and Rick Astley, so my factory stereo suits me just fine.

But there was a time when I sported two 12-inch woofers and a 1,200-watt amplifier in a car



**PASTABILITIES**

All Natural—Preservative Free  
VERMONTPASTA.COM

**Free Small  
2-topping  
Pizza**

May not be combined. Expires 6/30/2010  
©Vermont Cynic

The Most Free Pizza Toppings  
In America

Every Thursday Is  
Half Price Pizza Night  
(large pies, up to 2 toppings)

Sign Up As a Facebook Fan  
(Facebook.com/vermontpasta)

598-5513

Find a place with more, and we'll give you a free pizza.  
Must bring a copy of the menu for free offer.



# Comics

The Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker

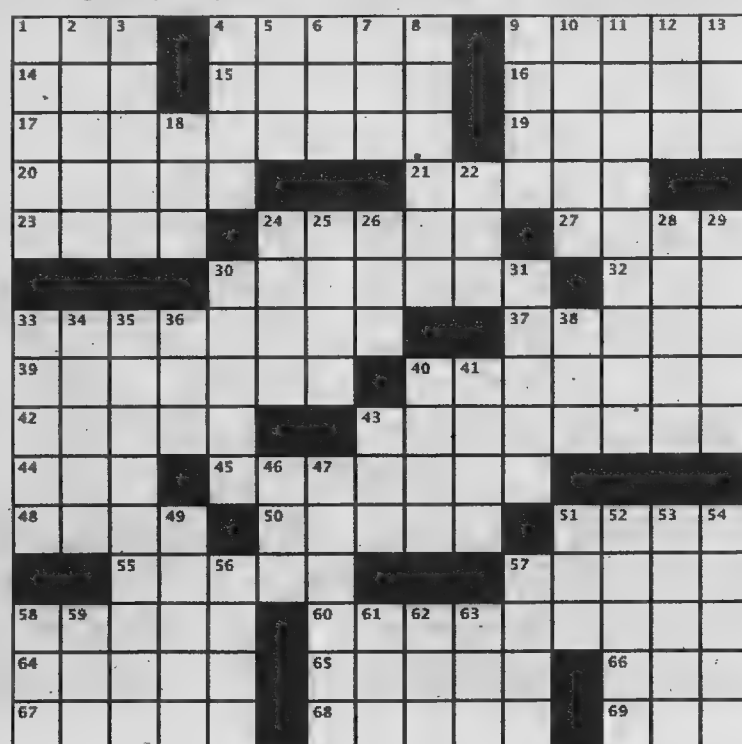


2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



## Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



### ACROSS

- 1- Indian holiday resort  
4- Alloy of iron and carbon  
9- Like crags  
14- Conditions  
15- Japanese gateway  
16- Early anesthetic  
17- Ballet movement  
19- Gillette razors  
20- Discharge  
21- Narrow street  
23- Shrivelled, without moisture  
24- Woody vine  
27- Invitation letters  
30- Decipher  
32- "You've got mail" co.  
33- Woodwind instrument  
37- Contradict  
39- Ceiling  
40- Bizarre bazaar buys  
42- Of Thee  
43- Abnormally narrowed  
44- Actor Beatty  
45- Like lighthouses  
48- Eats  
50- Decline  
51- London jail  
55- Geneva's lake  
57- Cleave in two  
58- Muse of lyric poetry  
60- Silver-white element  
64- Subdued  
65- Conjunction  
66- "Slippery" tree  
67- Inscribed pillar  
68- Refute by evidence  
69- Teachers' org.

### DOWN

- 1- Scoffs  
2- Old enough  
3- Fall bloomer  
4- Editor's mark  
5- Male cat  
6- Before  
7- German article  
8- Ceremonial prayer  
9- Actual  
10- Aquatic mammal  
11- Hard-shelled pupa  
12- New Zealand parrot  
13- Decade divs.  
18- Half a fly  
22- One circuit  
24- Actress Olin  
25- Bakery worker  
26- Illustrative craft  
28- Communication medium  
29- Beg  
30- Wild dog of Australia  
31- Steak order  
33- Adhere closely  
34- Coherent light beam  
35- Embitter  
36- Flee  
38- DDE's command  
40- Collar type  
41- Combining form meaning "dry"  
43- Bashful  
46- Code-breaking org.  
47- Persian musical instrument  
49- East Indian pepper plant  
51- Needlefish  
52- Extra-terrestrial being  
53- Small egg  
54- Helping theorem  
56- Fashion  
57- Search thoroughly  
58- Dash lengths  
59- Furrow  
61- Chemical ending  
62- Women's  
63- Bud's bud

# High prices paid for used textbooks



## click

Go to [amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)



## ship

Send us your used textbooks  
at no cost to you



## spend

Millions of items to choose  
from at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

# [amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)

Buyback titles are purchased by a third party merchant

## Sudoku

Easy

	9	8		2	4			
		3	5		9			
2			6			7		
1	6	2				3		4
9	7						6	2
3		4				9	5	7
		6			7			5
			2		1	4		
			4	3		8	7	

Hard

8								7
	6	7						
		5	8	2			4	
	1		2					
4	7						6	3
					1		7	
	9			6	2	7		
						4	1	
2								9



It may seem like a long time ago, but think back to all of the

The national spotlight shone, on the NCAA Men's

But what pools and brackets do is give people who usually

It is easy to determine, however, that the Super Bowl

It all depends on your personal opinion, but if you ask me, I think March Madness easily trumps the splendor of Super Bowl Sunday.

The Lefty Driesell Defensive Player of the Year Award is also a first year award, with Blakely, being one of the top 20 players in the nation honored.



WWW.CENTRE-19.COM © 2007



## Men's hockey's leading scorer gets NHL deal

By Donny O'Neill  
Staff Writer

Senior hockey forward Brayden Irwin has signed a two-year contract to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League.

He has joined the team for their final six games of the 2009-10 season but will return to the University after the season to tend to his academics and graduate this spring.

Irwin, a 6-foot-5-inch, 215-pound forward was grateful for the opportunity to spend four years playing for the Catamounts.

"I want to thank the coaching staff and everyone involved with the team for the opportunity and all their help," Irwin said. "I have learned a lot and I have really grown as a player and a person."

Irwin's career at Vermont was extensive. He was named to the 2006-07 Hockey East All-Rookie Team, as well as the All-Academic team.

In his four years at Vermont, Irwin posted 38 goals and 44 assists for a total of 82 points.

Irwin acknowledged that he could not have accomplished so much alone.

"I also want to thank my teammates," Irwin said. "I've been able to play on four great teams and couldn't have asked

## Irwin heads to Toronto



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Senior Brayden Irwin readies himself to collect the puck in front of the Vermont net. Irwin recently signed a contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs and has started his NHL career.

for a better group of guys to do it with."

The star forward will be returning to his hometown of Toronto to begin his professional career.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to sign with a NHL team in my home city and look forward to working towards

my goal of playing professional hockey," Irwin said.

As exciting as it may be, Catamount fans will be sad to see Irwin go.

Head coach Kevin Sneddon knows this feeling well, having coached him for four years, but said he is happy to see Irwin off to a bright future.

"I could not be happier for Brayden and his family," Sneddon said. "We wish Brayden much success as he embarks on his professional career with the Maple Leafs. We thank him for his contributions to our hockey program and community during the past four years."

Irwin made his NHL debut

on April 1, playing for 10 minutes and 23 seconds and attempting one shot on goal.

He became the ninth Catamount to skate in the NHL and will be playing alongside former teammate Viktor Stalberg ('09) in Toronto.

## Womens lax shows potential in struggling season



JEN BALLOU | The Vermont Cynic

The women's lacrosse team in a game at Moulton Winder Field. The team is struggling so far this season but still have a chance to repair their record.

By Jack Stratton Spina  
Cynic Correspondent

The UVM women's lacrosse team hasn't exactly had a picture-perfect start to the season so far with a 2-8 record.

However, the Cats have held their own and played a lot of close games. Unfortunately, more of them were ultimately disappointing losses. Holy Cross, Siena and conference rival Stony Brook were all very winnable games.

"If we expect to be a top-level team, we have to compete against the best," head coach Jen Johnson said.

Their record also doesn't look as bad if you consider the Catamounts' very difficult out-of-conference schedule, playing No. 7 ranked Syracuse, and very strong Dartmouth and Boston College teams.

The team has shown a lot of potential and talent. Two especially bright spots on the roster have been junior Megan MacDonald, who has proven herself to be an all-out playmaker with 22 points, 13 goals and nine assists in just

10 games, and sophomore Samantha Stern, who has recorded three hat tricks in the last four games and 19 on the season.

Both of these girls need to keep it up, as their schedule won't get any easier from here on out.

Fortunately, the Catamounts start this final stretch of the season toward conference tournaments with three home games against Binghamton this Saturday, Leymore on Wednesday and California on Sunday.

"An area of focus for us will be building the confidence of our young team and learning to consistently play up to our expectations throughout the year," Johnson said.

The real test is the following two games of the season against conference rivals No. 17 ranked Boston University Terriers and the New Hampshire Wildcats.

With five games still remaining, the lacrosse team still has a chance to drastically improve their sub-par record as it stands and end their season on a high note.

LAST WEEK

### Women's lacrosse

4/3

Stony Brook 11, Vermont 10

Stony Brook scored with two seconds left in the game to defeat the Catamounts. Junior Megan MacDonald and sophomore Samantha Stern scored three goals each.

### Men's lacrosse

4/3

Binghamton 8, Vermont 11

Junior Derek Lichtfuss scored a UVM record of eight goals in a single game. Freshman Drew Phillie racked up eight assists.

### Women's lacrosse

4/7

UMBC 15, Vermont 9

With a goal by sophomore Samantha Stern, UVM had a 6-5 advantage at halftime. UMBC came back from behind and won the game by a six-goal margin.

THIS WEEK

### Wednesday 4/14

Track and Field:  
Holy Cross  
Heptathlon  
@ Massachusetts  
TBA

Women's lacrosse  
vs. Lemoyne  
3 p.m.

### Thursday 4/15

Track and Field:  
Holy Cross  
Heptathlon  
Massachusetts  
11 a.m.

Track and Field: Princeton  
Invitational  
@ New Jersey  
TBA

### Saturday 4/17

Men's lacrosse @  
Hartford  
1 p.m.

Women's lacrosse vs.  
California  
University  
12 p.m.





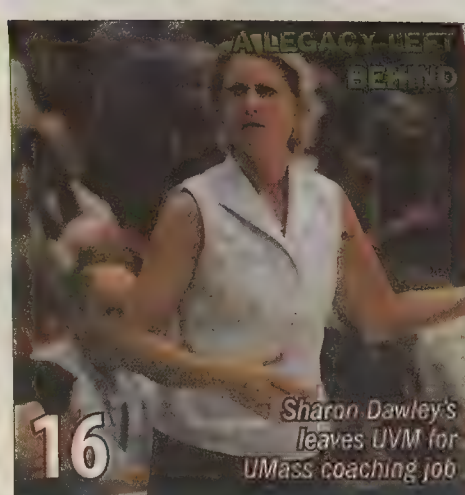
**FIGHTING ENVIRONMENTAL  
DENIALISM**  
A solution for circular debate

**FAREWELL TO STYLE FILES**  
Last-minute tips from Cindy and Katie

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, April 20, 2010 — Volume 126 Issue 26 | Burlington, Vermont



## New housing moves beyond gender

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Students will no longer be restricted by gender when choosing on-campus housing next year.

Starting this fall, UVM will join the 36 colleges and universities in the nation already offering gender-neutral housing.

Returning students interested in living in a housing situation other than the traditional same-gender rooms can apply to live with someone of a different gender.

The housing will be available in Wing Davis Wilks and Cooperative Living on Trinity Campus, located in the Trinity "Back 5" — Sichel, Ready, McCann, Richardson and Hunt halls — according to the Reslife website.

Assistant Director for North and Central campuses Tomás Sanchez said he feels the need for this housing option is an issue of safety.

"It is really important that those students who do not identify as male or female feel safe," Sanchez said. "When you give them only male or female options on campus, that does not make them feel safe, and we are losing students because of it."

Living/Learning Center Residence Director T.J. Jourian said he agrees that students are leaving because of the lack of inclusivity in the current residential system.

"There are a large number of folks that leave the residence hall system because, for example, they don't want to live with women — it's just not who they hang out with, it's not who they identify with and it's not who they want to live with," Jourian said.

Furthermore, this system



**HARRISON BIGLER AND MARTINE WONG** | The Vermont Cynic  
Wing Davis Wilks on Redstone Campus, and the Back 5 on Trinity Campus will offer gender-neutral housing in the fall. UVM is among 36 other colleges and universities that offer gender-neutral housing.

**"We had one program member who expressed that they would be more comfortable with someone of the opposite gender. After the move, she really blossomed. The other situation with the same gender roommate really was not good."**

**Mathieu Messier**  
Program director for Spectrum

allows students to request gender-neutral housing without disclosing any personal information, he said.

"If a student comes to us and has to say 'I am trans-identified and that is why this is a housing situation that would be preferred and safer for me' — that takes

a lot of courage," Jourian said. "This gives them the option that they don't have to say anything. You can ask for it and you don't have to say why."

Another situation gender-neutral housing can help to avoid is when an individual that doesn't want their friendliness questioned



their roommate, he said.

"For us to have these archaic notions of who people can consider friends because of gender is just too much," Jourian said.

There are currently 12 individuals signed up for the

"More students may have signed up but there were only a few days between the eventual approval for the program and when housing went up online," Jourian said. "We didn't get an

see **HOUSING** page 2

## Simpson dining hall receives \$7 million for renovations

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Next semester, Redstone residents may find themselves trekking to Harris Millis more often than expected.

Simpson Dining Hall, located in Simpson Hall on Redstone campus, will undergo a \$7.2 million renovation starting this May.

"It will take us all the way from middle of May, through the first of January to get things

completed, everybody moved back in and everything ready for operation," construction project coordinator Cara Hanson said.

In the fall, students will have to go to other dining halls on campus like Harris Millis or Cook Commons for residential dining purposes until Simpson reopens in January.

"Once you know what the scope of work is, and that we are taking all of this out and putting back something completely new, I think you understand why it

would take a whole semester," Hanson said.

New additions will include the creation of a Kosher kitchen and the installation of a new electronic order system called iMye, giving students a more personalized and fresher meal that will hopefully cut down on food waste, she said.

"This will be the first dining complex we have actually gone after a LEED certification for,"

see **SIMPSON** page 3

## Tuition increase decreases

Will raise by 4.8 percent instead 6 percent

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

The rate of increase for tuition this year will be less than originally planned.

Tuition will increase by 4.8 percent for the fiscal year 2011 rather than by 6 percent, Richard Cate, vice president of Finance and Administration, said.

In-state tuition for 2010-2011 will be \$12,276, and out-of-state will be \$30,984, Cate said.

"This year [2010] we balanced the budget by spending less than planned, and the budget is also balanced for 2011," Cate said.

The University also spent 6.5 million more in financial aid than had planned but received additional students this year, resulting in additional revenue.

"The difference between additional tuition and additional financial aid is that we had to come up with \$3 million more than what we had planned," Cate said.

To come up with the extra \$3 million, Cate said the University delayed programs and pushed to conserve energy.

"We got very lucky on the cost of energy," he said. "Almost half of it is big savings on energy."

INDEX NEWS 1-3 — OPINION 4-5 — FEATURE 8 — LIFE 9 — ARTS 11 — DISTRACTIONS 12 — COMICS 13 — SPORTS 15-16

Want to work for *The Cynic*? No experience necessary. Contact [cynic@uvm.edu](mailto:cynic@uvm.edu)

WE'RE ONLINE TOO! [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)





ILANA COPEL | The Vermont Cynic

The UVM debate team competed for the national title at the U.S. Universities Championship against 124 other top-ranked college debate teams in the country. The team has traveled all over the world for competitions, as well as all around the country.

## Debate team ends season with a win

UVM debaters travel world wide to compete, hope to make top 20 in the world

By Caroline Caligari  
Cynic Correspondent

After traveling around the nation and the world, UVM's debate team wrapped up their season by winning the Northeast Universities Debating Sweepstakes title for the third year in a row.

The team competed for the national title at the U.S. Universities Championship in Denver this past weekend, along with 124 top-ranked college debate teams in the country.

UVM's team goes by the name of the Lawrence Debate Union (LDU) after Edwin W. Lawrence, a former debate member and UVM graduate who left the debate team an endowment, which funds a portion of the team's expenses, LDU President Sarah Anders said.

"We tend to want to compete most with schools that we've become friendly with, which are mostly schools in the Northeast," Anders said. "We really aspire to debate with the team from Alaska, which is currently the best team in the country."

The first half of the semester tends to involve more worldwide competitions, while the second semester involves more national

competitions, she said.

Over Thanksgiving break, the LDU team competed overseas in Cambridge, Wake Forest and Slovenia, according to the LDU website.

At the end of December, the LDU competed at the 2009-2010 World Universities Debating Championship, held in Antalya, Turkey, Anders said.

**"Debating skills are the success skills of the 21st century."**

Alfred Snider  
Lawrence Debate Union  
coach

The team also won the Northeast Debating Championships title, a personal highlight of the year, LDU coach Alfred Snider said.

"Now we're trying to raise ourselves in world rankings, two years ago we were ranked 333rd and now we are 75th and shooting for top 20," Snider said.

This year, the LDU also competed at many national tournaments, mostly in the

Northeast, but also in Texas, California and Colorado, Anders said.

"Debating skills are the success skills of the 21st century," Snider said.

Debating is useful because it teaches students to frame complex issues for vast audiences and to learn how to think for oneself, he said.

"Businesses say that critical oral communication skills are the number one factor in getting promoted, yet it's the area that students are least prepared," Snider said.

Next season, the team looks forward to hosting the U.S. Universities Debating Championship at UVM in April of 2011, Anders said.

The LDU did a great job at hosting the tournament in 2009 and looks forward to hosting it again in the spring, she said.

"My greatest moment is ongoing, just seeing the students develop and thrive and become great thinkers and communicators," Snider said. "I'm very excited to have a part in training important people that will have an impact on this world."

## HOUSING | New housing option will not be based on gender

...continued from page 1

opportunity to let folks know about it, so we relied only on word of mouth."

The long-term goal for ResLife is to see gender-neutral housing spread throughout the campus, he said.

"My hope is that this kind of housing option becomes more of a rule than an exception in the future," Jourian said.

Previously, gender-neutral housing situations have only existed in Living/Learning Center programs, such as this year's LBGTA safe space called Spectrum.

"We are hoping to attract and provide safe-space housing for students who identify with and are interested in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, polyamorous, questioning, queer and ally communities (no limitations may apply)," according to Spectrum's program statement.

"Spectrum is different from simply gender-neutral housing because we are not just living together, we are learning about LGBTQA culture and history. We don't simply exist, we have some curriculum," sophomore program director for Spectrum Mathieu Messier said.

Although Spectrum differs from the new gender-neutral housing programs for the fall, Messier said he is very excited and feels this new housing will be beneficial based on his experience with Spectrum.

"We had one program member who expressed that they would be more comfortable with someone of the opposite gender," he said. "After the move, she

really blossomed. The other situation with the same-gender roommate really was not good."

Jourian said he believes that this new option will help attract those students who would not feel comfortable in traditional same-gender housing.

"Nationwide we are starting to see students coming out and questioning their gender in high school and middle school," Jourian said. "They are looking for schools with these things in places already and want to know that, if they are going to live on campus for two years, that they will feel like they belong and are safe."

In addition to this new policy, UVM has recently adopted the preferred name policy allowing students to pick the name and pronoun they would like to be addressed by, and gender-neutral bathrooms are located across the campus, Director of ResLife Stacey Miller said.

"UVM already has a very positive reputation for supporting students who identify themselves as transgender and/or gender variant," Miller said. "We in ResLife see gender neutral housing as another step in supporting this sometimes marginalized community."

Miller said that ResLife believes that students should be allowed to live with whomever they want to live with based on relationships and comfort and that should not be limited by gender identity.

"These are how our students are living off campus in apartments and houses," she said. "We believe that this just an extension of what students want and really need."

### Who may be interested in seeking gender-neutral housing?

GNH will promote UVM's goal and practice of equality, and make on-campus housing more desirable to students who may be seeking gender neutral housing options, including:

- 1) Transgender students
- 2) Students in the process of discovering their gender identity
- 3) Gay, lesbian or bisexual students
- 4) Students who feel uncomfortable rooming with members of the same gender
- 5) Intersex students
- 6) Students who feel that they would cooperate better with a roommate of a different gender

According to the ResLife website

## Greeks raise \$3,000 in a day

ADPi and SigEp will donate money to charities

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

Who knew a porch swing could help raise over \$3,000?

Shouting Greek life members, buckets of money and a swing joined the normal weekend traffic on Main Street, April 10.

Sorority Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi) and fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) hosted a 24-hour Swing-A-Thon to raise over \$3,000 for The Ronald McDonald House and Youth Aids.

Representatives from each group took turns swinging on a patio swing outside of SigEp's house, keeping it in constant motion for the full 24 hours.

"We start at 2 p.m. [on

Saturday] and go until 2 p.m. on Sunday," ADPi President Caitlin Ratty said. "During those 24 hours, we collect money at the corners of Main Street and South Willard Street and downtown on Church Street."

**"It shows how much we care about our philanthropy in our community."**

Justin Adelman  
SigEp first year

In addition to these collections, ADPi and SigEp sold

hamburgers, hot dogs and grilled cheese from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. to people walking by the swing, Ratty said.

"Overall, I think it went a lot better [this year] than last year because of the weather and because we enjoyed what we were doing," Ratty said.

Last year the Swing-A-Thon raised \$1,750.

"I am proud to say I am part of Sigma Phi Epsilon and proud that we are able to double what we made last year and then some," first year Justin Adelman said. "It shows how much we care about our philanthropy in our community and how important it is to us. We truly want to find any way to make a difference."

UVM is a 2010  
Peace Corps Top College!

Learn more at our Information Session  
Tuesday, April 27  
6:30 PM

Davis Center  
Williams Room (403)  
University of Vermont



Life is calling. How far will you go?

**Peace Corps**

www.peacecorps.gov 800.424.8580



## SIMPSON | Renovations this summer and fall hope to improve the dinning hall food and expereince

...continued from page 1

Director of Capital Planning and Management Bob Vaughn said. "We set out to make it a guiding principle of the project to try to attain LEED certification, so this goal will be an interesting first for a dining hall."

"We decided that this was a big enough opportunity, and need for the people that live on this campus that it needed to be done and done right," Hanson said.

The project took shape when the Facilities Design and Construction department of the University received a project request form from Residential Life, requesting to update the dining facility in order to meet the latest needs of students and

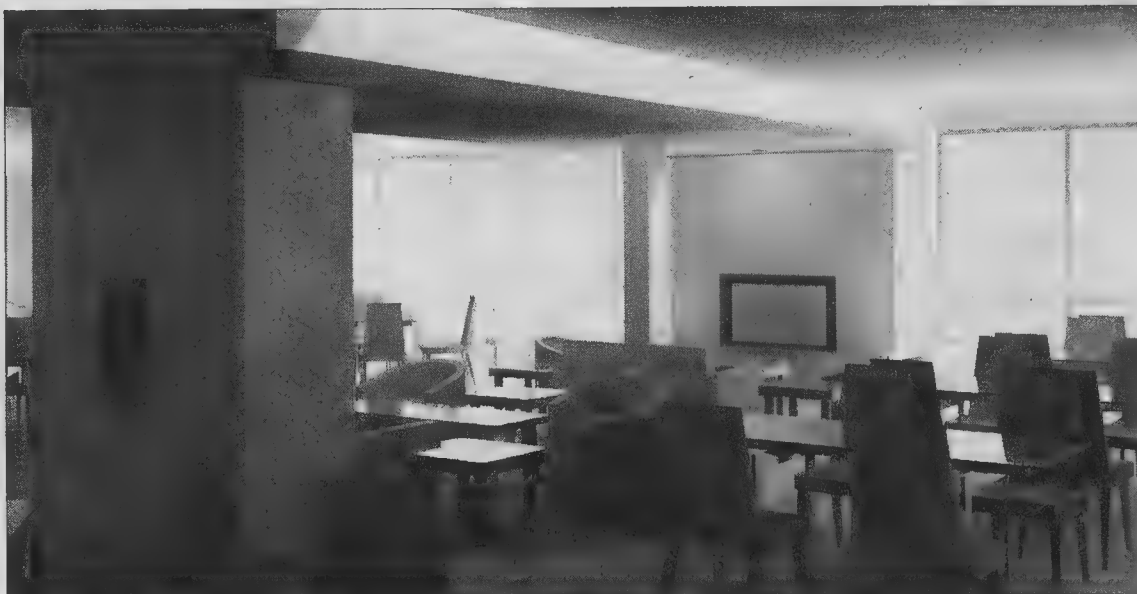
to make it a nicer gathering place, she said.

"The way students eat, the way that they engage with each other has changed," she said.

Once a place intended for students to get three meals a day, the dining hall is also somewhere to gather and begin to learn how to prepare and select foods, rather than just stand in line and be served whatever is there for the day, she said.

The goal is to create a more inviting atmosphere for the students, Assistant Vice President for Student and Campus Life Annie Stevens said.

"I think the question is, 'why hasn't Simpson been renovated [already?]' Stevens said.



DAN EVANKO | The Vermont Cynic

Simpson Dining Hall on Redstone Campus will be undergoing renovations in the summer in order to meet the needs of students and create a nicer atmosphere.

## Students urge the clown to step down

### UVM undergraduates join national campaign against Ronald McDonald

By Hillary Walton  
Staff Writer

A group of UVM students recently joined a national campaign to retire McDonald's world-renowned, red-haired spokesman.

Corporate Accountability International (CAI), an organization that has waged campaigns against bottled water companies and tobacco companies — responsible for the retirement of Joe Camel — started the campaign against Ronald McDonald because of what they are calling a fast food industry childhood obesity crisis.

Sophomore nutrition major Marie Limoges said they discussed the connection between Ronald McDonald and obesity in one of her classes.

"I watched a video in my obesity class where kids were shown logos for fast food chains," she said. "Typically, only one or two identified with each, but they all knew exactly who Ronald McDonald was and what he represented."

The CAI website describes Ronald as a simple and ingenious strategy designed to build brand loyalty among children and create customers for life.

UVM students joined the national campaign by asking people on campus to sign a petition and take pictures holding posters pleading for Ronald to step down.

The pictures were then pooled with those from around the country and sent out with the intention to flood McDonald's inbox with photos calling for the clown's retirement.

"First of all, he's an extremely creepy character once you're over 10 years old," first year Elise Gloeckner said after her picture had been taken in support of the movement. "But those first 10 years are what's being targeted and it's time for Ronald McDonald to be dropped."

With the kickoff of this national campaign, the McDonald's fast food industry



ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic

A group of UVM students joined a national campaign in the encouragement of Ronald McDonald's retirement. Corporate Accountability International believes that McDonald's is worsening the fast-food-industry obesity crisis.

released a written statement to the press.

It stated that Ronald helps deliver messages to families on many important subjects such as safety and literacy, and that he actually promotes the importance of physical activity and making balanced food choices.

**"First of all, he's an extremely creepy character once you're over 10 years old, but those first 10 years are what's being targeted and it's time for Ronald McDonald to be dropped."**

Elise Gloeckner  
UVM first year

According to RetireRonald.org, since the unveiling of Ronald McDonald, obesity rates have more than tripled

among American children and the amount of diet-related conditions like Type 2 Diabetes has skyrocketed.

"This clown is no friend to our children or their health," Deborah Lapidus of Corporate Accountability International said. "He is a deep-fried Joe Camel for the 21st century."

There is no news on whether McDonald's is considering Ronald's retirement but even if the campaign is successful, a lingering question remains: If the clown steps down, will obesity rates actually begin to decrease among children?

"Health does not come first for a lot of people," Limoges said. "We want things cheap and fast, this is the real problem."

"Ronald's retirement will help with the problem, but parents also need to step it up and discourage their children from eating at places like McDonald's in the first place," She said.

RetireRonald.org is still asking for supporters to sign the petition and to submit a photo, hoping that this will be one small step in the fight against obesity.

## University still awaiting confirmation for commencement speaker

### Administration usually has a speaker confirmed in February

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

Commencement is less than six weeks away and UVM has not confirmed a speaker for the ceremony.

At this time there is no one secured, but the University has been discussing with a potential speaker and is just waiting for final confirmation before they make the announcement, Gary Derr, vice president of Executive Operations and Chief of Staff at UVM, said.

Normally, Derr said that the University tries to secure a speaker in early February.

"We've had some challenges this year for a variety of reasons, like scheduling conflicts, that won't allow them to attend," he said.

President Daniel Mark Fogel said that the University shot too high this year and asked people who were busy and who had a lot of constraints on their schedules.

"We've had wonderful speakers over the years, but

we went to the highest levels in the nation and the planet," he said. "That was the desire of the students and the faculty."

The University is looking to advance the time frame on choosing speakers for future years to make the decision-making process faster, Derr said.

UVM is already searching for a speaker for the graduating class of 2011, he said.

"We're trying to go after more high-profile speakers," he said. "We want potential speakers to know, 'We really want you and we're giving you 12 months notice.' It's been too tight of a time frame."

Regardless of the challenges the University faced in confirming a speaker this year, President Fogel said that the person they expect to come will provide a rewarding experience in the lives of graduates.

"I think it will be quite an exciting speaker and one that will be quite a treat for families and students to hear," President Fogel said.

## Erasing hate: Matthew Shepard foundation comes to UVM

By Natalie DiBlasio  
Asst. News Editor

The FBI estimates that over 7,000 hate crimes happen in the United States each year, according to the Matthew Shepard foundation.

The foundation, named after Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, who was beaten, tied to a fence and killed, works to end biased incidents on college campuses across the nation.

Christina Olstad, assistant director for Athletic Campus and

member of the Anti-Bias Task Force, is bringing the foundation to UVM by hosting "Erasing Hate: A Community Discussion."

"Erasing Hate" is geared toward students, faculty and staff about what they can do to create climates that are inclusive for every member of our University of Vermont community," Olstad said.

The free, open event includes brunch and will be in the Living/Learning Center Room 216 on Saturday, April 24 from 12-2 p.m., she said.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Max Harwood  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Diana Giunta  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Natalie DiBlasio (News),  
Will Andreyak (Sports),  
Jason Scott (Copy) Matthew  
Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoli, Danielle Bilotta,  
Jenny Mudarri

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoli, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gillman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Paying more for less

University of Vermont students may get a break from 6 percent tuition hikes this upcoming year.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed lowering of the tuition hike on April 12 after deliberation and a presentation by SGA Vice President Kate Ash.

Instead, our tuition will only increase by 4.8 percent. Lucky us.

From 2001 to 2010, UVM's out-of-state tuition and costs have grown from \$25,000 to \$40,000, according to an article in the *Burlington Free Press*. This pending tuition hike will bring tuition costs even higher, to \$42,000.

UVM is one of the smallest — as well as one of the most expensive — public universities in the country. Students must consider financial sacrifice to attend this University, just as they do at other similar schools.

UVM is on par with The College of William & Mary where price is concerned. A "Public Ivy" like UVM, William & Mary charges roughly \$42,000 for out-of-state tuition and costs, according to their website.

However, many students are feeling that their financial sacrifices are in vain. We are paying more for less.

At UVM, our class size is averaged to be 23 students. William & Mary's is less than 20.

We're paying more for larger classes. While our reported average class size is perfectly reasonable, the average is not reflective of all classes. Thirty-five percent of the classes taken by a first year will have more than 100 students, according to UVM admission's website.

In all, 73 percent of first-year classes will be above the 23 class-enrollment average.

We're paying more for room and board, where triples are common for first years, and administrative buildings, like McAuley Hall, must be turned into dorms.

We're paying more for classes where students need to sit further back and have less one-on-one time with professors.

Many students expect they will need to ask for overrides to get into classes they want, and bank statements are a constant reminder of the student loans quickly gathering mass in students' names.

There's no way around increasing tuition — cost of higher education will continue to rise until it can no longer support itself. What the University can control is how our money is used, and this is what we should be focusing on.

If our tuition is going to increase steadily for years, it should be put to use to benefit students' experience.

Okay, here's 10,000 words  
on how I plan to stop global warming,  
8,000 words on my opinion of local government,  
a video essay application, EAFSA, and  
I'm 3/44 Pacific Islander



## COLUMNISTS



ZACH DESPART

## Gone is the "Great Dissent"

Justice John Paul Stevens announced last week that he will retire from the Supreme Court. A Gerald Ford appointee, Stevens has served since 1975, when a young Barack Obama was just entering high school.

The president is being afforded a golden opportunity. Democrats hold a 59-41 majority in the Senate and outnumber Republicans 12-7 on the Judiciary Committee — which is chaired by Vermont's own Patrick Leahy.

Replacing Stevens with a liberal idealist won't change the makeup of the Court; those dirty liberals aren't trying to take your guns and euthanize your grandmother just yet.

He may be a little old man in a colorful bow tie, but Justice

Stevens has been the liberal stalwart of the Court for three and a half decades. He authored the dissent in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, arguing against the ban on homosexual scout members. He pulled no punches in his dissent in *Bush v. Gore*, bemoaning the majority for not having faith in Florida election officials.

There is this right-wing fallacy that idealist liberal judges are activist, while strong conservative justices are all about the intent of the framers, and by activism, I mean injecting personal prejudice into constitutional interpretation.

Judging from some of the decisions of the court, since Roberts has been a member, this couldn't be further from the truth. The ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which was 5-4 along ideological lines, wrecked decades of campaign finance reform.

As Justice Stevens put it in his scathing dissent, "Five Justices were unhappy with the limited nature of the case before us, so they changed the case to give themselves an opportunity to change the law."

Without Stevens, who will deliver the Great Dissent? He's the real Straight Talk Express, minus the growling and the jowls. In a recent piece in *The New York Times*, Stevens

remarked that he didn't like to do interviews because "you save a lot of time if you don't."

Think about it — if the president nominates a moderate liberal or centrist, he'll actually be moving the court further to the right. Who will be the ideological balance to Antonin Scalia? Or Clarence Thomas who, despite serving in the so called "black seat," votes more like Strom Thurmond than Thurgood Marshall.

The president shouldn't bow to the conservatives who'll never allow him to appoint someone as ideological as Thomas or Scalia.

The Court needs a counterweight to the conservative bloc that has dominated for two decades.

The Obama administration is on a hot streak. The president got his health care bill through Congress and signed a nuclear arms treaty with Russia.

The president shouldn't let the never-ending threat of a filibuster deter him from making the right choice — or really, the left choice.

Republicans aren't going to like an Obama nominee unless his name is Ronald Reagan, so the administration might as well nominate a jurist who's worth the fight.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## CLARIFICATION

The disturbing quote for Issue 23, in which Lea McLellan commented on the SGA sanctioning meeting, was specifically in reference to the one hour, 45 minute debate concerning whether or not Kofi Mensah spent more than his allotted campaign budget on posters.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"THEY ARE KILLING PEOPLE OVER THERE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING. THEY KILL YOU JUST FOR HAVING SEEN WHAT THEY ARE DOING."**

— Vincente Burciaga, 23, speaking about the drug war killings in Mexico.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center,  
590 Main Street, Burlington, VT  
05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

ADVERTISING  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS

# Fighting environmental denialism



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

This Thursday is Earth Day. Entering UVM, I had a lot of preconceived notions about what that might entail in a city like Burlington. I figured that on April 22, thousands of environmentalists would converge on the city like medieval pilgrims and then ritually slaughter a Hummer on the campus green.

Needless to say, I was disappointed.

As everyone learns, most campus environmentalists are — contrary to some crude caricatures — soft-spoken and articulate. In fact, many self-described tree huggers pack as much empirical ammunition as anyone out there.

That being said, this Earth Day I'd like to offer some tips to my environmentally conscious friends.

I've been particularly frustrated recently. Polls show that a lot of support for dealing with global warming has evaporated. But climate change is as real as ever, and we political science-types may be able to get us back on the offensive.

For example, the most common way to fight "denialism" is with some of the abundant data on climate change.

Of course, that often proves to be frustratingly ineffective.

Political scientists Jason Reifler and Brendan Nyman recently performed an experiment on how people react to facts that don't congeal with their existing beliefs. As it turns out, people tend to cling to their prejudices even more strongly after they've been factually shut down.

To quote Nyman in an op-ed for *The New York Times*, people "argue so vehemently against

the corrective information that they end up strengthening the misperception in their own minds."

A better approach, I think, is to fight them on their own territory. For example, accept that there's a degree of uncertainty to climate science.

However, you've then opened the door to the obvious rejoinder — uncertainty can cut both ways.

**Polls show that a lot of support for dealing with global warming has evaporated. But climate change is as real as ever.**

Maybe the climate models overstate the potential warming, and maybe in a hundred years the world will be a swampy, primordial mess. The uncertainty argument crumbles the minute you engage it.

Here's the best thing you can

do though: Challenge the idea that fighting climate change will be an economic catastrophe.

Paul Krugman's been fighting the good fight for a while, and it's time to add some voices to the chorus.

As Krugman pointed out, the Congressional Budget Office predicts that strong action on climate change would leave the 2050 economy only between 1.1 and 3.4 percent poorer.

That tidbit won't help you turn the corner with more committed deniers, but for people on the margins this could be key.

While it won't run opponents out of town, torpedoing their non sequiturs and untrue conclusions can definitely help on the edges.

All the facts are on our side, now we just need to take advantage of the other side's weak spots.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*



MAX KRIEGER

## Burlington's fighter jet alarm clock

Every week, without fail, the ears and psyche of the students of UVM and the residents of the surrounding area are assaulted by what sounds like an especially angry blue whale being sucked through a black hole.

No, this ruckus isn't being caused by the booming speakers down at North Beach, but instead by the Vermont Air Guard.

Up to three or more times a week, the Vermont Air Guard flies two or three F-16 Fighting Falcons in what seem to be training missions to simulate combat in collegiate settings.

After being woken up at 8 o'clock in the morning several times by these planes streaking overhead, I started to wonder if it could get any worse.

Not wanting to disappoint, the Vermont Air Guard has put out plans to switch from the already extraordinarily noisy F-16 to the yet noisier F-35 fighter jets.

According to the *Burlington Free Press*, the Vermont Air Guard, based in South Burlington, is one of 11 candidates to receive new F-35 fighters in late 2011.

What most concerns many is not only the obnoxious amount of noise pollution, but the waste of fuel and air pollution caused by the missions.

At its best, according to Aerospace.org, the F-16 can fly 2,600 miles with 1,500 gallons of fuel. That leaves it with a gas mileage of 1.74 miles per gallon.

The F-35 carries more fuel and can go about as far, thus giving it an even worse mileage.

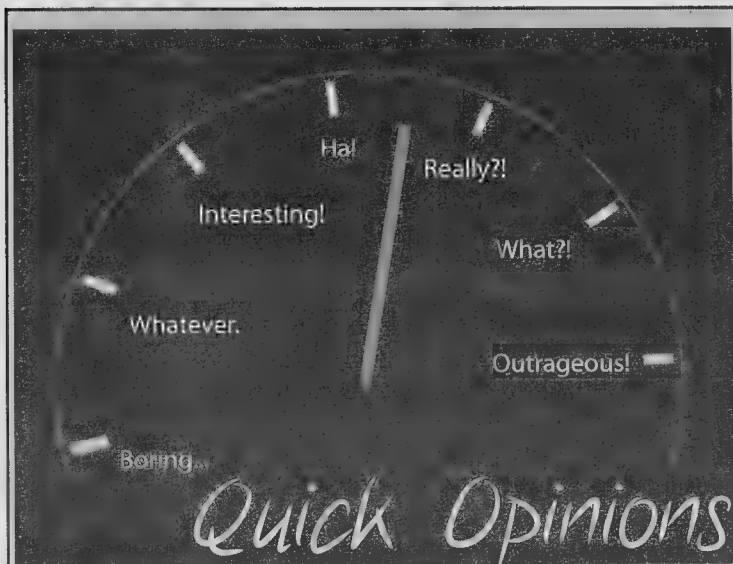
As a result, the constant testing of these planes must act as a huge drain of money along with a large source of pollution for the military and the state of Vermont.

Clearly, these missions serve the purpose of training pilots, but to many, the cost vastly outweighs the benefit.

In the end, the proud tradition of fighter planes in the military is a dying one. The need for manned fighters is dwindling in light of new and safer unmanned technology.

Luckily, as far as anyone can tell, the only thing the Vermont Air Guard would need to protect the state from would be rogue frisbees flying out of the UVM campus

*Max Krieger is a first year political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*



**Quick Opinions**

From boring to outrageous in 5.3 seconds

### Farley

South Korea is about to impose new gaming rules restricting school-aged users from playing online games between midnight and 8 a.m. To better their grades? Help them study? Get more sleep? Nope. The restrictions come as a result of a couple letting their baby starve while they played online games all day. They hope to pull people escaping reality out of the virtual world by making laws in the real world. Great idea...

### Despart

Tea Partiers: You're angry. I get that. But you can't caricature the president as Hitler and then call him a socialist. Fact time: The Nazis were Fascist, the ideological opposite of socialists. Marxists were persecuted right along with Jews, gypsies and homosexuals during the Holocaust.

### Krieger

At the Nuclear Summit, President Obama spent what seemed like a few hours shaking hands and taking pictures in front of a giant sign with every single foreign dignitary that attended. Excuse me, but the president of the United States is not Mickey Mouse.

### Baldassare

A *New York Times*/CBS poll finds that Tea Party supporters are more likely to be male, white and wealthy than the general public. Maybe next time NYT/CBS can use their valuable polling resources to tell us something we didn't already know.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### UVM spending raises concerns

Dear Editor,

With President Fogel having pledged last spring to freeze administrative salaries, you'd think UVM's salary spending for top-tier administrators would have decreased. Not so: It increased by nearly \$220,000, not including medical school positions.

That's an amount that could easily fund the three faculty positions lost in English or bring back the 27 introductory writing classes that were cut. So why did administrative salary spending go up despite Fogel's pledge?

Through the course of a rocky year for Waterman — from the scolding President Fogel took from trustees for \$10 million in PeopleSoft cost overruns to the revelation of nearly \$1 million in bonuses paid to top administrators — half a dozen executives resigned.

Most, however, remain on the payroll, four on paid leave. For example, UVM is paying for both the former and the current vice president for graduate studies (\$235,092 and \$251,718 respectively) and both the former and current dean of business (\$223,900 each).

Faculty and administrators promoted to top-level positions also received raises — and not the \$5,000 salary boosts faculty typically receive upon promotion from assistant to associate professor. Seven executives received promotion increases of \$11,536 to \$82,647.

Jane Knodell's promotion to interim provost came with a raise of \$106,242. Bernard Cole's promotion to interim dean of Engineering and Mathematics increased his

salary by \$100,750.

Last year's published salaries compared with this year's suggest a few straight-up raises have been handed out: for instance, \$20,000 to the University's top attorney, bringing her salary to \$209,432. It's true that most faculty also received raises of 3 to 5 percent.

For an assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences drawing the average salary of \$59,774, that meant an increase of under \$3,000. UVM's athletic director, on the other hand, enjoyed a \$16,000 — or 9 percent — raise, bringing his salary to \$195,375.

UVM administrators might point out that \$220,000 isn't enough to bring back the faculty and staff put out of work in the past year. True. But \$220,000 could fund — to give one example — much-needed teachers for environmental studies.

Imagine, too, asking why we need so many executives. In 2002, UVM had four current and former executives earning more than \$150,000, for a total base salary cost of \$641,543. Today, UVM supports 44 such individuals at a cost of \$8,084,281. That's a lot of sections of English 001.

Faculty and students have planned a teach-in on UVM budget priorities and the nationwide struggle for public education for Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m., in the Livak Ballroom, in the Davis Center. In 2002, the slogan on campus was "Money for the classroom, not the boardroom." It remains the urgent slogan for today.

*Sincerely,  
Nancy Welch  
Professor of English*



# Miracle berries boost buds

## New tablets change the way sour, bitter foods taste



**BAILEY CUMMINGS** | The Vermont Cynic  
Suzanne Oddo squeezes lemon juice into her mouth after ingesting a miracle berry tablet. Mberries alter taste buds so that even the most sour flavors taste sweet.

**By Mary Bartholomew**  
Cynic Correspondent

A lime, a lemon, a grapefruit and a bottle of hot sauce may seem like an unlikely combination of ingredients, but Peter Katz begs to differ.

"We have found a way to mess with our taste buds," Katz said. "Now we can devour these foods with great health benefits that we otherwise wouldn't eat."

Katz is the East Coast representative for a new product called "mberry," — small, red tablets comprising solely "miracle fruit" powder and cornstarch.

This miracle fruit, or *synsepalum dulcificum*, is found

naturally in West Africa and contains a protein that attaches to taste buds to turn healthy, bitter foods into a sweet flavor, Katz said.

The fruit itself is very expensive, valued at up to \$5 per berry, and has a short shelf life. This mberry product, however, is only \$15 for 10 tablets, with the equivalent of three berries in each, he said.

This small tablet makes lemons taste like lemonade; devoid of the eye-watering sourness that usually accompanies it, according to the mberry website.

"The lemon was my favorite," first year Ayano Honda said. "It

tasted like a very sweet lemon drop, like candy."

Others said the tablets suited their taste buds.

"It tasted like it was dipped in sugar," sophomore Elissa Horowitz, another student who has experimented with the mberries, said.

People around the world have used this berry's unique property to share with friends and family and experiment with different foods.

Some have even started throwing "flavor tripping" parties, where guests pay to eat the fruit and subsequently try variations of a wide range of snacks, Katz said.

Although novelty is an important aspect of this new product, the intent of the mberry is much more altruistic than taste-testing soirées.

Mberry could potentially improve the lives of those suffering from diabetes and cancer, Katz said.

Diabetics now have an alternative to sugar and the ability to eat sour foods like lemons, which are high in vitamin C and help reduce the body's blood sugar level, without the unpleasant taste, according to the website.

Cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments, who are subjected to a disagreeable metallic-like taste in food, could use the mberry as an appetite stimulant and also a solution to a harsh aftertaste, Katz said.

Not only is this product helpful to those dieting and attempting to limit their sugar intake, but it could be an answer to America's childhood obesity problem by wiping out the desire for sugar, he said.

"If we can teach the youth to eat good, healthy foods, then we can eliminate or drastically reduce the resulting diseases."

# Style Files: farewell, fashion friends of UVM

**By Katie Gioia & Cindy Amako**  
Senior Staff Writers

It's almost that time of year again. The time where classes end and finals start. When we watch — or possibly participate in — the Naked Bike Ride and wave in sheepish surprise at the people we know. Most importantly, though, it's the time where we embrace those lazy, hazy days of summer.

Unfortunately, the Style Files won't be here to offer our biweekly help, as Cindy is graduating and traveling to England, and Katie is spending a year abroad. But don't fret dear readers; remember that we've given you the tools you need to develop your own great style. Let's review some of our all-time favorite tips:

Accessories can make or break your outfit. The right pair of earrings or colorful scarf can take your outfit to another level.

Don't be afraid. It's OK to experiment and step outside of your comfort zone. If it looks good, then go for it.

Make sure those jeans fit right! A well-fitted pair of jeans makes your look work better than ones that are too tight or too baggy. Don't be so quick to shun jeggings, either.

Don't follow hearsay fashion tips. Black and brown actually go pretty well together.

Be yourself and have fun!

To all our loyal readers, we love you and we thank you. To all our haters, we suggest you take a trip to the mall.

In either case, we hope you were able to influence your daily wardrobe decisions.



**DAN EVANKO** | The Vermont Cynic

# Saturday recovery breakfast



**MICHAEL MALEK**

Heads throbbing, eyes red and glazed — hordes of people wake up Saturday, and after a few morning rituals, are ready to feast.

Cold pizza and unlabeled Tupperware is usually a breakfast of champions — but not today,

no, today is the day something majestic is made.

Begin by washing your hands. Opening the bacon, place as many strips as you can on the pan without overlapping and fry it over medium heat.

Keep an eye on the bacon to make sure the grease doesn't start popping too fiercely, and start warming up the second pan with the butter in it.

Chop your two tomatoes and peppers into fine cubes and toss them in the pan with the butter. Shake it around to spread them evenly. Let them fry for a minute or two in the butter.

Meanwhile, begin slicing your Portobellos into long strips and toss them in with the tomatoes. Check on the bacon. If one side is beginning to crisp, then it might be time to flip the strips.

In your mixing bowl put the 1/4 cup of flour in and break two eggs over it. Mix vigorously until

the batter is uniform in texture; if it is too thick then add some of the milk to thin it.

By now, the bacon should certainly be cooked on at least one side. Keep in mind to look for not only stiffness in the strip, but a deep crimson color in the meatier parts.

The longer you allow the bacon to cook the more lean it will become, but also it will eventually become dry and brittle.

Keep stirring the tomatoes, mushrooms and peppers, trying to avoid crowding as much as possible.

When the bacon is cooked have a plate covered in paper towels on standby. Pick up a strip with tongs or a fork and let the grease drip off and place it on the plate.

The paper towels will absorb the excess grease; meanwhile, place the next batch of bacon into the pan.

Slice your avocado in half and remove the pit. If you place the avocado half on its flat side, you can easily skin it and cut it into chunks, slices, cubes or whatever you prefer.

Pour the egg mix over the pepper, mushrooms and tomatoes and immediately add to it any spices you enjoy on your eggs — pepper, cumin, cilantro and salt taste great.

Place the avocado bits into the omelet and, after the egg begins to cook and solidify, generously squeeze lemon juice into the pan.

Timing the bacon and the omelet to cook simultaneously can be difficult, but don't let the preparation of either one get in the way of the other and no unmanageable problems should arise.

Use the spatula to persuade the omelet out of the pan and serve up a side of bacon and enjoy.

## Ingredients:

- 2 Eggs
- 1/4 Cup flour
- 1/4 Cup milk
- 1 Avocado
- 1 Portobello mushroom
- 1 Red pepper
- 1 Lemon
- 2 Medium-sized tomatoes
- 1/4 Stick of butter
- 1 Pack of bacon
- 2 Frying pans
- 1 Spatula
- 1 Mixing bowl
- 1 Sharp knife
- 1 Fork



We, as student leaders at The University of Vermont, understand  
the imperative need for our support of a strong relationship  
between the United States of America and Israel.  
Our Support for this unbreakable bond stems from:

Shared Values of democracy, freedom and the rule of law  
Bi-Partisan, political affiliations,  
Women's Rights  
Homosexual Rights  
Religious, Racial and Ethnic backgrounds  
Concern for the environment and sustainability  
Concern for national and international security  
Medical innovations  
Technological innovations

Ana Dru Ellis  
Alan Bronstein  
Ben Posner  
Haylley Johnson  
McCrae Hathaway  
Max Bookman  
Molly Campbell  
Claire Chevrier  
Bryce Jones  
Dakota Johnston  
Colin Hunt  
Jon Gillman  
Julia Michel  
Jocelyn Hobart  
Jen Lehman  
Wingyin Lo  
Dave Maciewicz  
Kofi Mensah  
Hailey Stern  
Stephanie Mackevich  
Noah Robbins  
Eva Okrewt  
Greg Zeman  
Samuel Uberti  
James Rose  
Jake Breeblum  
Maygan Amveo  
Owen Brady  
Beth Kerschner  
Emma G. Holmes  
Meredith Turtel

Arielle Muller  
Caroline Ponlmann  
Cayla Tepper  
Morgan Frank  
James Billman  
Simon Yuglir  
Jake Mink  
Aaron Fredet  
Karen Baptist  
Jadi Emilio  
Emily Schloff  
Heather Torrey  
Zach Hirsch  
Liza Rollins  
Rachel Levin  
Abby Stevens  
Anna Bobordia  
Brittany Scancarella  
Bradley Aronson  
Jared Ford  
Katy Petiford  
Kristen Liggett  
Alex Ezra  
Katie Staniforth  
Meagan Erhart  
Trevor Cook  
Craig Villeneune  
Lydia Gubitosi  
Alexis Langlois  
Brid Hennigan  
Holly Huston

Catherine Shaw  
Lisa Burn  
Hillary Gilson  
Jennie Edwards  
Marshall Sheperd  
Mike White  
Michelle Gorayeb  
Anison Bryan  
Elise McCormick  
Sally Wiebe  
Wes Spence  
Yasmine Schmidt-Park  
Hope Resler  
Marika De Boer  
Kaitlyn Allen  
Andrew Yingst  
Andry Thompson  
Justin Landau  
Jordan Goldstein  
Marta McBean  
Ryan Mitofsky  
Kevin Shames  
Gregory Francois  
German Vivas  
Andreas Varsakopoulos  
Vasilis Varsakopoulos  
Anna Schmitt  
Anthony Russo  
Sarah Quintru  
Claire Greene  
Drusilla Roessle

Nicole Loughrey  
Grace Gabree  
Rebeka Foley  
Teale Eschliman  
Lauren Perry  
Michael Vasquez  
Cordelia Cluett  
Hannah Woolfolk  
Oliver Kenney  
Michael Ryan  
Zoe Ellisto  
Bryan Gayne  
John Oliver  
Hannah Strauss  
Kelsey McLaren  
Adrienne Savrin  
Gun Amrit Khlsa  
Emma Lenchner  
Madeline Hajek  
Caroline Scott  
Rachel McNeil  
Meg Blackmoor  
Ellie Crawford-Cuppo  
Dustin Rader  
Claire Buck  
Caitlin Shelbuorne  
Kate Perkins  
Sara Hanlon  
James Dalgarno  
Kristen Clark  
Katie Andersen

Justin Strohsnitter  
Travis Gerbatsch  
Kyle Norman  
Troy Norman  
Kayla DeCarr  
Brenton Woodrow  
Eryn Littlefield  
Jacob Auger  
Kyle Dermeritt  
Sara Cleaver  
Natalie Bishop  
Jenna Lawrence  
Frank Plew  
Kyle Dermeritt  
Katherine Ash  
Alexandra Hollman  
Ariel Adelstein  
Adam Mangs  
Amanda Desenna  
Andrea Pack  
Ari Levine  
Daniel Wyman  
Emma Holmes  
Emily Strumpf  
Jamie O'Brien  
Jorie Cohn  
Jessica Waterman  
Justin Milo  
Lauren Katz  
Natasha Wilkinson  
Stefan Kostolitz  
Stephanie Goldberg

We Stand by the U.S.-Israel alliance as we continue to lead today, tomorrow and in the future.



# Locavores Crave Meat

A shortage in local slaughterhouses affects meat production in Vermont

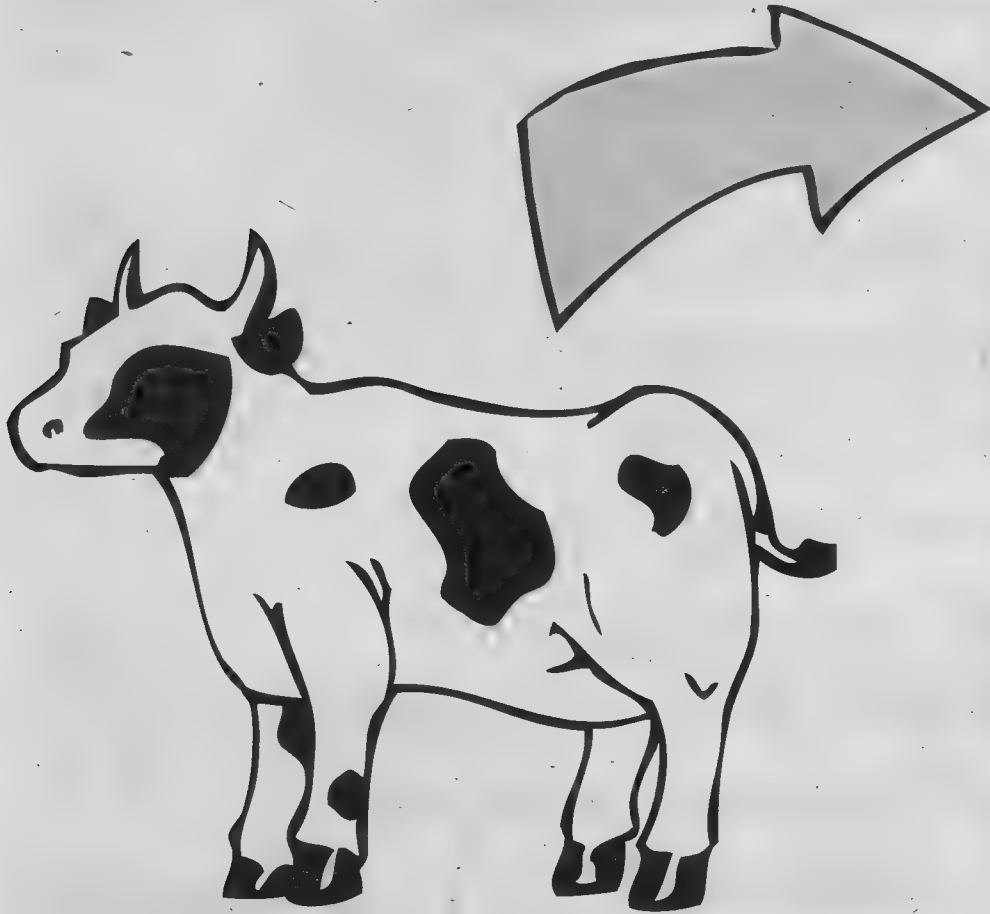


Illustration by Andrew Becker

By Katie Ida  
Features Editor

Allegations of animal cruelty and fires have resulted in a shortage of slaughterhouses in Vermont, leaving the local food movement craving for meat.

Recently, the Bushways Slaughterhouse in Grand Isle was shut down due to animal cruelty.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture Secretary Roger Allbee said in a press release that "the agency finds the alleged animal welfare practices disturbing and states that there is no excuse for the inhumane treatment of animals."

"These practices are not representative of the industry as a whole in Vermont and such actions will not be tolerated in our state," Allbee said. "The agency is taking every action within its power to address the situation."

Fresh Farms, Inc., another slaughterhouse in Rutland, has recently been shut down due to a fire.

This leaves less recognized slaughterhouses for Vermonters to procure locally produced meat from.

While Craig Harrington, owner of Harrington & Sons Packing, said that they are not affected by the shut-down of the Grande Isle plant, others have seen a rise in their business, which is already too much to handle.

"We were exceptionally busy before then," owner of Vermont Livestock Slaughter & Processing Carl Cushing said. "We did get some calls from people who had appointments [at Grande Isle]."

Cushing said that he too often has to turn farmers away because he cannot accommodate the amount of business his facility receives.

"In what could be a major setback for America's local food movement, championed by so-called locavores, independent farmers around the country say they are forced to make slaughter appointments before animals are born and to drive hundreds of miles to facilities, adding to their costs and causing stress to livestock," a March 25 article in *The New York Times* stated.

Brennan's Pub and Bistro in the Davis Center boasts locally produced food on its menu, but the small amount of meat produced from Vermont's slaughterhouses is not enough to provide for all those looking for regionally produced food.

The main industry affected by the shortage is the dairy industry, according to Ron Krupp, local author of "Lifting the Yoke: Local Solutions to America's Farm and Food Crisis."

Because of the lack of slaughterhouses in the area, local farmers are forced to ship their cattle to slaughterhouse facilities farther away in New York or Massachusetts, according to Krupp.

Perception of slaughterhouses also affects the industry, Krupp said. "[The shut down of the Grande Isle slaughterhouse has] been in the news a lot; that certainly did not help the perception in Vermont of how cattle are slaughtered," he said.

"We're not very popular, slaughterhouses," Cushing said.

Krupp indicated not only a lack of slaughterhouses in Vermont but a lack of qualified butchers as well.

"You don't just set up a slaughterhouse without qualified people," Krupp said.

Sophomore Courtenay Allen, one of the many vegetarians and vegans on campus, said that

although she does not agree with the practice, she knows that if people want to eat meat, they will, and the production of that meat should be done right.

The University of Vermont Beef Program, part of UVM Extension, "teaches ways in which to produce safe, wholesome beef at a profit, and in ways that are environmentally sound," according to the program's website.

There are approximately 2,000 dairy and beef producers involved in the program, according to the website.

"I am no longer with University of Vermont Extension, and I have little good to say about the administration within UVM Extension with respect to being supportive of Vermont livestock farming," former beef livestock specialist of UVM Extension Sam Comstock said.

Comstock said that it is too early to determine what the impact of a new slaughterhouse facility in Westminster will be.

"The current status is the existing slaughterhouses are raising prices and offering mediocre service," Comstock said. "Some are better than others. I hope this new slaughterhouse shakes things up a bit and adds a level of competition, resulting in an increase in quality of service."

Krupp, however, said he is doubtful of this.

"I've already heard some complaints about the quality of the butchering [in the new slaughterhouse]," he said.

Solutions to this problem are hard to come by, Cushing said.

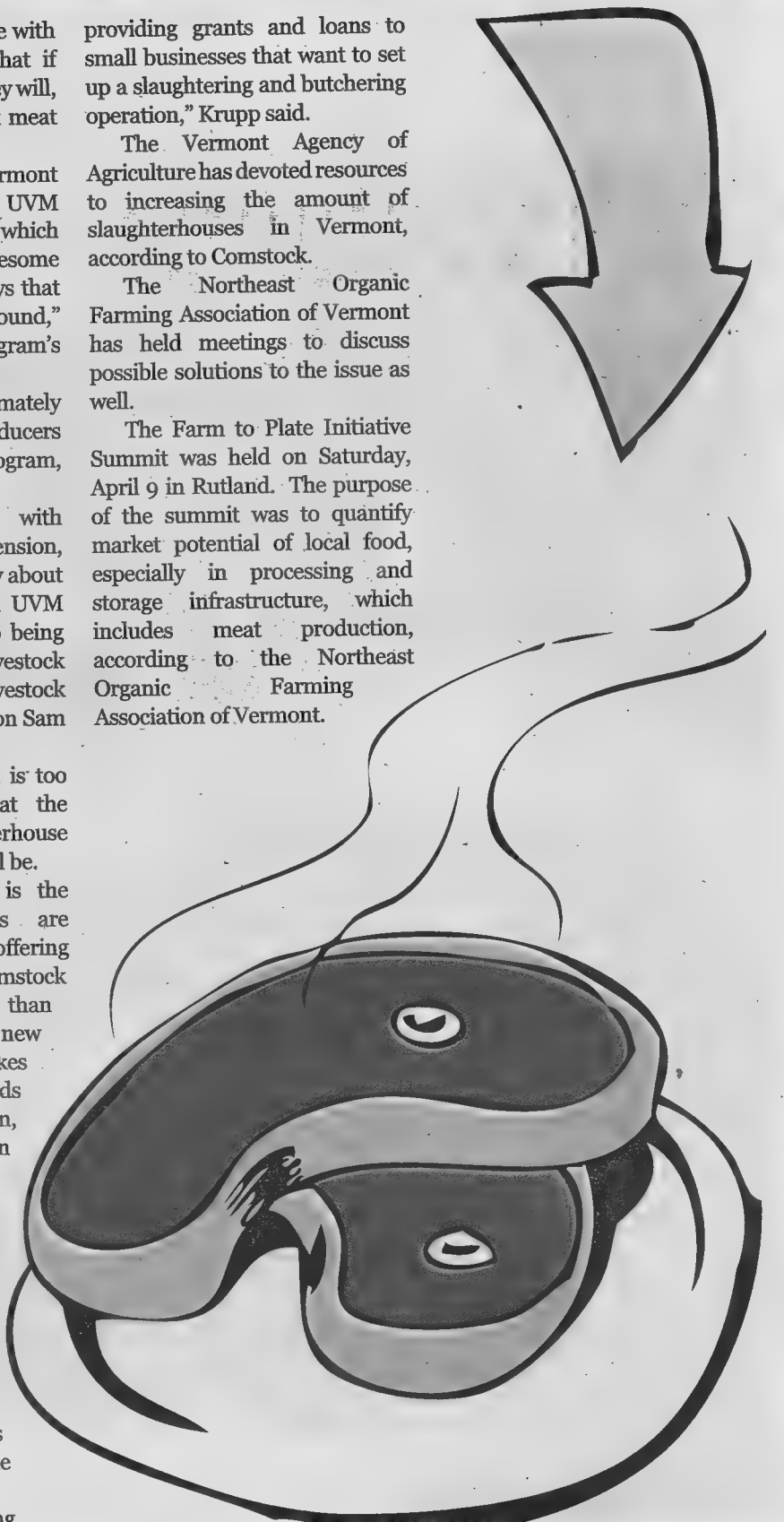
"Money is a big thing,

providing grants and loans to small businesses that want to set up a slaughtering and butchering operation," Krupp said.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture has devoted resources to increasing the amount of slaughterhouses in Vermont, according to Comstock.

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont has held meetings to discuss possible solutions to the issue as well.

The Farm to Plate Initiative Summit was held on Saturday, April 9 in Rutland. The purpose of the summit was to quantify market potential of local food, especially in processing and storage infrastructure, which includes meat production, according to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont.





SA CONCERTS PRESENTS:  
**SpringFest**  
**April 24, 2010**

**MSTRKRFT**

**INGRID**  
**MICHAELSON**

**THEOPHILUS**

**ILA**

**LONDON**

**MAWANA**

**THE FANCY DRIFTERS**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**

**UUMTICKETS.COM**  
**PATRICK GYM**

**PRICE: \$5 STUDENT (W/COLLEGE ID AT DOOR)**  
**\$25 PUBLIC**

**LOCATION:**  
**RAIN LOCATION:**

**CBW GREEN**  
**PATRICK GYM**

**SPONSORED BY: SA CONCERTS, SGA, STUDENT LIFE AND UPB**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT UUM.EDU/BORED**





# GRAND OPENING!

DOORS OPEN. SAVINGS START. FUN BEGINS!

Discover a store where unique home fashions for every room are always at jaw-dropping savings. Find the same high quality and brand name styles seen in department and specialty stores at up to **60% off** their prices, every day. Save on every rug, lamp and furniture find. Every bed, bath and kitchen style. Plus, thousands of new items arrive each week, so you'll always find something amazing and never have to wait for a sale! Come see for yourself and discover a new way to shop for your home. Hurry in to our new location!



**Burlington • Shelburne Road Plaza**  
**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> • 8am - 8pm**

FURNITURE • RUGS • BED • DINING • KITCHEN • LIGHTING • BATH • HOME

**Hurry in for your chance to win a \$1000 HomeGoods Gift Card!\***

## HomeGoods®

Regular store hours: Monday - Saturday 9:30 am - 9:30 pm, Sunday 11 am - 8 pm. For other store locations near you, call 1-800-614-HOME or visit [homegoods.com](http://homegoods.com). Over 300 stores nationwide. Styles will vary by store. Prices as marked. © 2010 HomeGoods, Inc. \*No purchase necessary. Sweepstakes begins 4/25/10 and ends at close of business on 5/2/10. The sweepstakes is open to legal United States residents excluding CO, 18 years of age or older as of date of entry. Void where prohibited by law. See store for details or visit [homegoods.com](http://homegoods.com).



# Guitar maker molds the most of talent, creativity

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

Creston Lea is the modern New England version of a renaissance man — he recently published a collection of short stories entitled “Wild Punch” and began a successful custom guitar studio.

Tall, bald and towering, Lea donned a pair of grey tortoiseshell-esque glasses in a mellow Muddy Waters. Over sounds of stereo jazz and coffee cups clinging, sunlight flooded in as Lea talked about growing up in New Hampshire.

Early on, he put his schoolwork second to guitars. By the age of 19, Lea had begun writing more seriously and had to deal with conflict with his parents.

“I wasn’t in a situation to run away from home to be accepted ... like [my parents] were leaning on me to be a veterinarian,” Lea said.

After a moment of resolution, Lea decided not to attend art school in Philadelphia, but rather the University of Iowa for creative writing.

This gave him the opportunity to receive an MFA from the prestigious Iowa Writer’s Workshop. Since then, he has published stories in journals such as “DoubleTake” and “W.W. Norton’s 25 and Under: Fiction.”

In his first collection of stories, “Wild Punch,” the border

between New Hampshire and Vermont lay the setting.

In a fictional town based on his hometown in northern New Hampshire, Lea wrote 15 stories each with a shared landscape and common characters.

Lea feels that inspiration for artists’ work originates from where they were raised.

**“When I’m [home], everything I look at seems like an idea for a story”**

**Creston Lea**

*Writer and guitar maker*

“When I’m [home], everything I look at seems like an idea for a story. It’s one of those things [in which] where you grow up is super charged — or at least I’ve romanticized it,” Lea said.

After 10 years of looking for a publisher, New York-based Turtle Point Press offered Lea a book contract out of the blue. This led to “Wild Punch” and several positive reviews.

In addition to his writing success, Lea began creating custom guitars in 2005 out of his Burlington-based woodworking studio. At his studio, a blacksmith and bike designers surround him.

While Lea did not begin playing with Burlington-based

bands until later in life, he had an early appreciation for the utility of guitars.

“The guitars I make are really in style,” Lea said. “[They’re like] the first mass-produced [ones,] you know, take a piece of wood and then bolt it together. At the time it was like a tinker toy, a joke, like real post-war assembly line kind of technology. But they’re really utilitarian ... not fancy, really simple.”

Lea recalls making a toy guitar out of wood scraps and twine at eight. Since then, he has developed his skills — Lea works with various woods and unconventional materials, such as old beetle and nail-ridden barn parts.

Working closely with his clients, Lea tries to stay away from recreating famous guitar models.

“I try to make them look like they could have come from 1952, but I try to get people to chose colors that are not conventional guitar colors. Not like crazy colors but something that means something personal to them, not just like a replica of Jimi Hendrix’s favorite guitar,” Lea said.

Creston has wet his feet in many creative outlets.

Yet his creativity comes with a private personality — he lists only his e-mail as contact information on his website and his studio is in a secluded area of Burlington.



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic  
Creston Lea signs at a recent book signing at Penny Cluse Cafe. Lea, a guitar maker and writer, released a book of short stories.

## Play review

# Absurd is the word

By Patrick Dowd  
Senior Staff Writer

In real life, two men rarely sit naked in a bathtub together while exchanging a quasi-philosophical dialogue.

With lovely ladies playing the lead male roles of “Hans and Fritz Take a Bath,” the performance had a voyeuristic sexual undertone while addressing the absurdities of life.

Independently written, directed and produced by UVM sophomore Henry Kellogg, the play was performed in the basement of Slade Hall on April 2 and April 3 after two months of rehearsal.

The play confronts the obscenity of pessimism by beginning with Hans’ awkward strip and attempted suicide, progressing into a gloomy exchange of stories that lead to an optimistic resolution.

Hans and Fritz, played by first year Carmen Craig and junior Julifer Day respectively, captured the somber dispositions of their characters while captivating the audience with animated performances.

Craig and Day did a magnificent job reciting their lengthy monologues, with only slightly noticeable slip-ups in their performances.

However, listening to the dialogue, one gets a sense that neither character has a unique voice — rather both characters’ identity is reminiscent of a single person, the playwright.

Aesthetically, the backlighting from a standing lamp behind the

porcelain claw-foot bathtub cast a silhouette on the performers creating an aura of sincere spirituality.

While conceivably lewd, both Craig and Day’s confident performances provoked not mere sexuality but an authentic reflection of typical life struggles.

Cigarettes played an important role both as a prop and a symbol. Hans, the suicidal character, had quit smoking years earlier, but nevertheless gave in to the simple pleasure upon Fritz’ offer.

**The play confronts the obscenity of pessimism with Hans’ attempted suicide, progressing into a gloomy exchange of stories and optimism.**

But, following the grand concession of choosing to continue living as a despicable human being, Hans’s cigarette smoking seems arbitrary in comparison.

Similarly, when Hans invites Fritz into the bath, it seems arbitrary not to enjoy a warm bath when there is room for two.

As Hans and Fritz smoked their cigarettes, the performance gained an artistic Salinger-esque sophistication. The only thing missing was the smoke.

Adding to the absurdity,

the performance featured both an aside with God in an unconventional adaptation of the Adam and Eve story in addition to an unfortunate incident with a girl in pink Uggs.

God, played by sophomore Emily Piche wearing a low-cut shirt, joked at Adam’s inability to appreciate Paradise and exiled him into a land with women.

“I’m gonna put you out,” God said to Adam, “and you’re going to wake up with one less rib and a woman beside you ... I’ve had more than my share of those sort of nights.”

It isn’t until the comical encounter with God that the pessimistic veil is drawn aside and the mood lightens, maintaining its austerity.

Following the gender role reversals, male junior McLain Cheney wearing a fluffy tutu did pantomime with Hans acting out one of Fritz’ monologues about the time he accidentally shot a snort rocket on a girl’s new pink Uggs.

“Just go,” the girl in the pink Uggs said. The one-liner drew a huge laugh — while hilarious, it speaks of an apathetic culture.

After a runtime of 15 minutes, the resolution is something many UVM students can commiserate with. After Hans decided to live, he asked Fritz, “Wanna smoke a bowl?”

The triumph over nihilism and beginning of the absurd was met with a standing ovation, a long time coming and a rightfully earned one.

*mightier than the sword*

Never underestimate the power of the written word. Write for the Vermont Cynic. It's your pen. Your voice. Your way to make change. [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)

THE VERMONT  
**CYNIC**

**PASTABILITIES**

All Natural—Preservative Free  
[VERMONTPASTA.COM](http://VERMONTPASTA.COM)

**Free Small 2-topping Pizza**

May not be combined. Expires 6/30/2010  
Vermont Cynic

**The Most Free Pizza Toppings In America**

Every Thursday Is  
**Half Price Pizza Night**  
(large pies, up to 2 toppings)

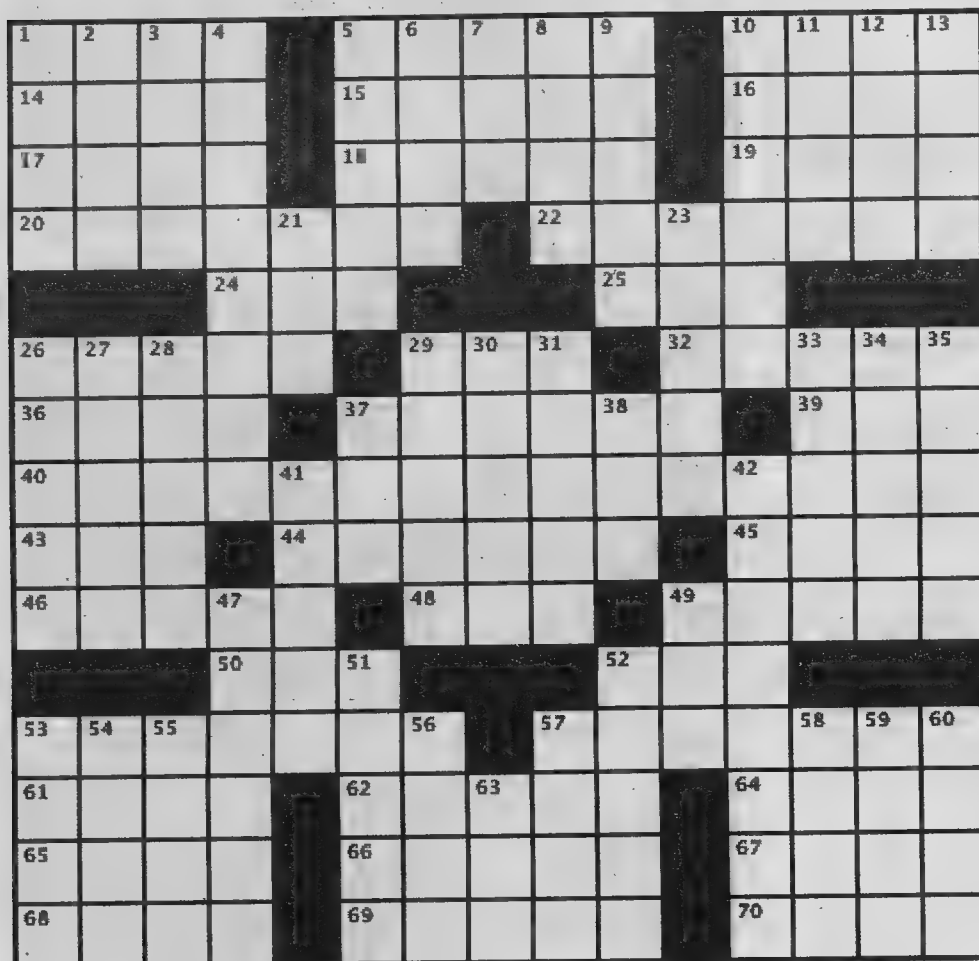
Sign Up As a Facebook Fan  
([Facebook.com/vermontpasta](http://Facebook.com/vermontpasta))  
598-5513

Find a place with more, and we'll give you a free pizza.  
Must bring a copy of the menu for free offer.



# Crossword

brought to you by bestcrosswords.com



## ACROSS

- 1- Oil-rich nation  
5- Thick sweet liquid;  
10- "Is ... it?"  
14- Hindu lawgiver  
15- Fluff, as bangs  
16- Party-thrower  
17- Italian wine city  
18- Western  
19- Capital city of Western Samoa  
20- Cheese  
22- Brother or sister  
24- It may be picked  
25- Wreath of flowers  
26- Organization  
29- Lobbying org.  
32- Outmoded  
36- Acquire through merit  
37- Italian sausage  
39- Guadalajara gold  
40- Hallucinatory  
43- T.G.I.F. part  
44- Part of a stamen  
45- Fire  
46- Up and about  
48- Center Ming  
49- Collection of maps  
50- Sugar suffix

- 52- Single unit  
53- Protective helmet  
57- Arrogate  
61- Calculus calculation  
62- Swift  
64- Actor O'Shea  
65- Single entity  
66- Cotton thread used for hosiery  
67- Ages  
68- Single  
69- More cunning  
70- Studies

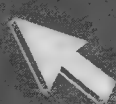
## DOWN

- 1- Apple product  
2- Impetuous  
3- Chip in  
4- Busybody  
5- European ermine  
6- 365 days  
7- Deserter  
8- Employs  
9- Danger  
10- Muse of comedy  
11- Arizona Indian  
12- The doctor \_\_\_\_  
13- Adult male deer  
21- Immerse

- 23- Darken  
26- Photographic tone  
27- Bridge positions  
28- Rendezvous  
29- Little pie  
30- Hawaiian greeting  
31- Brief appearance  
33- Bottom line  
34- Writer Jong  
35- Wharves  
37- Junior  
38- Russian space station  
41- Stern  
42- Prestigious  
47- Treat salt  
49- Hydrocarbon suffix  
51- Viscounts' superiors  
52- Command  
53- Drag  
54- Pisa's river  
55- Bridle strap  
56- Follow  
57- Heap  
58- Bog  
59- Blueprint  
60- Chuck  
63- Trident-shaped letter

**Budding Artists Silent Auction: Saturday April 24th 7pm-11pm, upstairs Firehouse Gallery, 135 Church St. Burlington.** Hand-blown glass, paintings, ceramics, photographs, and more! Join UVM MEDLIFE for free hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Proceeds support building a schoolroom in Telan Playa, Ecuador where 55 students share a single 15x20' classroom.

# High prices paid for used textbooks



## click

Go to [amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)


## ship

Send us your used textbooks  
at no cost to you


## spend

Millions of items to choose  
from at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

# [amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)

Buyback titles are purchased by a third party merchant

## Easy

4	7		8				2	3
								5
3		1	9		2		7	
	1		3	5	4			9
		4				2		
5			2		6		4	
	8		4		9	1		7
1								
7	6				8		3	4

## Medium

		8			4			3
	9						6	1
			3					
			4			7	5	
		3	7		5	6		
	5	9			6			
					3			
5	4						9	
6			8			5		

## Hard

				4	9			8
		3			1	2		4
	8							
					4	6		5
	9						7	
2		6	7					
							8	
8		2	6			3		
6			8	5				

# Sudoku



# Comics

2 Girls 1 Cat By Katherine and Monica



No Good Reason By R. Valenti



Trash Talk By Ashley Frisoli



? HIV ?  
**STD ? HPV**  
? CDC ?  
? IUD ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

**Planned Parenthood**  
of Northern New England

CLOSE TO CAMPUS  
23 Mansfield Ave.

DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!

863-6326

[www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)



[www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)





# EARTH WEEK

**April 19 - 24**

## Monday

- Myth Busting Monday w/ VSTEP
- CarShare Celebrates Earth Week! / 12:30-3 pm / Catamount statue
- Tree Lifting / UVM Hort Farm / 5:00 pm
- Movie series: Food, Inc. / 5 pm / Brennan's

## Tuesday

- Trashy Tuesday w/ VSTEP
- Dr. Your Bike Workshop / 11-2 pm / ampetheater of the Davis Center
- Movie Series: Flow / 5 pm / Brennan's

## Wednesday

- Water Wednesday w/ VSTEP
- "Resources for Individual Action" / 9:45-11:30 am / DC Atrium
- UVM Farmers Market / 11-2 pm / between the Davis Center and Library
- Environmental Forum: Student Research / 2-4 pm / Jost Foundation Rm. (DC)
- Localvore Dinner / 5-7 pm / Billings 3rd floor
- Green your Cleaning / 6-8 pm / 12 Colchester Ave. RSVP [alicia.taylor@uvm.edu](mailto:alicia.taylor@uvm.edu)
- CIVILIZATION + RESISTANCE: What are the stakes? w/ Derrick Jensen  
opening remarks by John Todd "Earth Day 40 yrs later" 7 pm / Ira Allen Chapel

## Thursday (Earth Day)

- Thirsty Thursday w/ VSTEP
- VSTEP, NAIP host Indigenous Rights and Env. Justice Speak Out / 10am - 2pm
- Bring Your Own Bottle Day / All Day / Davis Center
- Davis Center Waste Sort / 11-2 pm / Outside the Davis Center
- Sustainable Building by Design / 4-6 pm / Davis Atrium
- Rosina Philippe: Reflections on climate change for native communities of the Mississippi delta / 5 pm / TBD
- Movie Series: Sister's on the Planet / 5 pm / Brennan's

## Friday

- Frisky Friday Over population w/ VSTEP
- Critical Mass Group Bike Ride / 6pm / Davis Center Oval
- Movie Series: TAPPED / 7 pm / L/L 216

## Saturday

- Spring Fest 2010 ([uvmtickets.com](http://uvmtickets.com))

**UVM.EDU/BORED**  
stuff to do, on + off campus



# Baseball returns to center stage



By Will Andreyck  
Asst. Sports Editor

For many, spring is the greatest time of the year for professional and collegiate athletics.

March Madness has just run its course, the NHL and NBA playoffs are right around the corner and major league baseball has begun another season of play.

The obvious question coming into the season is who, if anyone, is going to knock off the defending champion New York Yankees? After re-establishing the "Evil Empire" in 2009, the Yankees look to repeat a dominant regular and post-season run en route to a repeat World Series title.

The Yankees lost several significant bats, including World Series MVP Hideki Matsui and fan favorite Johnny Damon.

Matsui bolted for the Angels and Damon was forced to sign with Detroit after the Yankees failed to make a legitimate offer.

However, the Yankees picked up versatile center fielder Curtis Granderson from the Tigers, on-base machine Nick Johnson via free agency and reliable starter Javier Vazquez also from the free-agent pool.

There definitely will be teams that challenge the Yankees this season in the American League. The second best team in baseball is the Boston Red Sox and they will be the toughest test all year.

Boston, like New York, added significant talent this offseason with the signings of ace John Lackey, center fielder Mike Cameron, third baseman Adrian Beltre and shortstop Marco Scutaro.

The Red Sox edge the Yankees in their five-man starting rotation highlighted by Josh Beckett, the aforementioned Lackey and young left-hander John Lester.

In the end, it will most likely come down to the Yankees and Red Sox in the ALCS in October, but teams like the Rays, Twins and Angels will continue to challenge in the American League.

In the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies look to win the National League Pennant and reach the World Series for a third straight year.

While the Phillies lineup may be as potent as ever, there are serious questions in the bullpen and the starting

rotation. Brad Lidge is coming off a down year and entered the season on the disabled list forcing Ryan Madson to assume closing responsibilities.

Madson is more than capable but he vacates his role as a reliable set-up man, which will hurt the Phillies down the road if Lidge's injuries continue throughout the season.

The Phillies will be tested all year by a difficult National League East division, including a tough young Marlins team who debut the season with a great young pitching staff and a lineup that is led by defending batting champ Hanley Ramirez. Along with the Marlins, the Atlanta Braves could not only make a run at the Wild Card but also a deep post-season run.

Albert Pujols and the Cardinals are probably the second best team in this league and have the depth in their lineup and pitching staff to make a run at the National League crown. The only other viable contender in my opinion is the Dodgers, who have the youngest and most exciting lineup in the national league, led by up-and-coming star Matt Kemp.

Besides watching the best teams in the league, there are many other stories that you will be wanting to look out for this season. There are two pitching phenoms that will make their major league debut early this year.

The Washington Nationals' Stephen Strasburg is one of the highest-rated pitching prospects in recent memory. In his last season of college at San Diego State University Strasburg had remarkable stats: 13-1 with a 1.32 ERA, 59 hits allowed, 16 earned runs, 19 walks and 195 strikeouts in 109 innings pitched.

If you have watched this guy pitch, you know he is the real deal. He has a fastball that reaches triple digits and his hook is almost unfair.

Arguably as impressive is the Cincinnati Reds' phenom Aroldis Chapman. Chapman is another young arm who throws in triple digits but he is a left-hander, which makes him even more valuable. Chapman and Strasburg will most likely be on your televisions from late May to early June, and you will want to sit and watch.

The Major League Baseball season is a marathon of 162 games from now until the end of October.

So much happens over the course of a season and it is impossible to foresee what will transpire over the next year. But one thing is certain, the national pastime, the game of lazy summer afternoons, the game of simple yet undiluted splendor, will provide us with excitement and entertainment all season.

## Sports Shorts

By Will Andreyck  
Asst. Sports Editor

### Kostopoulos gets invite to WNBA camp

May Kostopoulos has been invited to training camp for the Connecticut Sun of the WNBA. This season, Kostopoulos led the Catamounts to their second straight America East title and the team's first-ever win in the NCAA Tournament. This season, she led the America East in scoring with 17.1 points per game, and was a unanimous all-conference first team selection.

### Blakely receives multiple post-season honors

Senior Marquis Blakely earned three postseason honors from CollegeInsider.com. Blakely earned a spot on the Lou Henson All-America and Lefty Driesell Defensive All-America Teams and was named the America East Player of the Year by the site.

### Roloff signs with Bruins minor league affiliate

Senior men's hockey

co-captain Brian Roloff has signed an amateur tryout agreement with the Providence Bruins. Providence is the AHL affiliate of the Boston Bruins. Roloff will play with the Bruins for the final six games of the AHL regular season before returning to campus on April 12 to complete his degree.

### Men's lacrosse defeats Hartford 13-6

The men's lacrosse team defeated Hartford on April 17 in America East action on the road. First year Drew Philie scored six goals and also had two assists in the game. Junior Derek Lichtfuss added four goals to the team total. The Catamounts scored six goals in the last 15 minutes of the game to cement the win. The team will get back to work on Tuesday, April 20 in a game against Dartmouth when they return home to Moulton Winder Field.

### Cullity signs with AHL team

Senior assistant captain Patrick Cullity of the men's hockey team has secured an amateur tryout agreement with the

Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League. The team is the AHL affiliate of the Columbus Blue Jackets. Cullity will still be receiving a degree in business administration from UVM in May, but joined the Crunch for the final five games of the regular season. As a defenseman for the Catamounts, Cullity recorded two goals and 11 points this season. He will be the ninth player from Vermont to play in the AHL this season.

### Fjeld gets academic recognition

Junior Evan Fjeld of the men's basketball team was named to the Division 1-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mention Team. Fjeld is a business major with a 3.23 grade point average and was one of just 12 men's players in the nation to receive the mention. Fjeld was also third in scoring for the Catamounts this season, with an average of 10.7 points per game. Fjeld was also selected to the America East All-Conference Third Team this season and was an All-Tournament Team selection.

# SPARTAN RACE.COM

FIRE BARBED INCLINED  
WIRE CRAWL VERTICAL WALL  
JUMP CRAWL VERTICAL WALL

## CATAMOUNT MAY OUTDOOR CENTER 16th

SPEAR BALANCE TWO CARGO  
THROW BEAM MILE NET

www.spartanrace.com

BROKE IN BURLINGTON COM



# The legacy of Sharon Dawley

By Donny O'Neill  
Staff Writer

University of Vermont women's basketball head coach Sharon Dawley resigned on April 6 to accept the same position at the University of Massachusetts.

Dawley spent seven seasons as the Catamount's head coach and leaves as the school's all-time leader in wins with a career mark of 128-86.

Dawley was introduced as the coach on June 11, 2003 following coaching stops at Tufts University and Dartmouth College.

Dawley's first season with Vermont showed signs of success to come as the Cats posted a winning record at 14-13. Highlights included ending Maine's 31-game conference win streak.

In Dawley's second season at the helm, she was able to notch her first America East tournament victory with a win over Binghamton.

The team finished with a record of 14-15 making it to the semi-finals of the conference tournament.

After suffering a minor setback with a 9-18 season in 2005-2006, Dawley and the Cats rebounded in 2006-2007 by posting a 19-12 record

and a third place finish in the conference standings.

Dawley was able to record Vermont's first-ever win over a ranked opponent with a victory over No. 22 Boston College to win the URI Invitational.

The 2007-2008 season was one of the best in school history. The Cats went 24-9 and finished second in the conference standings.

Dawley was able to follow up this season with an America East conference championship in the 2008-2009 season, the first for Vermont since the 2000 season.

Vermont fell to the eventual NCAA champion Connecticut Huskies in the first round of the national tournament.

This past season in Vermont women's basketball, the team was poised to repeat as America East conference champions.

Senior May Kotsopoulos was already looking toward the postseason.

"[We want to] win the America East tournament and go back to the NCAA tournament and win a game," Kotsopoulos said.

Dawley and the Cats had a stellar regular season finishing 27-7 overall and 13-3 in America East.

The Catamounts were able to accomplish something they hadn't in 17 years by returning

to the national rankings as the number 24 team in the AP top 25 poll released on Jan. 18.

The team's first goal was met as Dawley and the team posted a win over the Hartford Hawks in the conference championship to secure back-to-back titles.

Dawley's Catamounts drew the No. 10 seed in the Kansas City region and were to play the No. 7 seed Wisconsin Badgers.

The Catamounts pulled off the upset which marked the first NCAA tournament win for the program.

Unfortunately for Vermont, the fans and players couldn't bask in the glory of their tournament success for too long, as Dawley's performance as head coach raised interest from other programs and drew her toward Amherst, Mass.

Players and fans alike must move forward to the next season without her, but understand the decision she made.

"It's upsetting, but she's kind of got to do what she's got to do. She's going on to better opportunities so you can't really be mad at her for that," first year Kendra Seto said.

Dawley leaves behind a legacy of the most career wins as head coach in Vermont history with two America East conference championships and owns Vermont's lone victory in the NCAA tournament.



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

Former women's basketball coach Sharon Dawley directing the team at Patrick Gym.

She was instrumental in helping to restore the women's program to prominence, and fans can only hope for a replacement as fine as she was.



DAVID DYKE | The Vermont Cynic

Vermont men's soccer players fighting for the ball on home field.

## Seven first years to join men's soccer program

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team struggled through this past season. With only one win under their belt, they were not able to make the playoffs.

The team finished their season with an overall record of 1-10-5 and a league record of 1-4-2. Although the team didn't finish how they would have liked, head coach Jesse Cormier is looking forward to a new start, with the addition of seven new first-year players next fall.

Christian Diaz and Evan Hodge of California and Scott Kisling are joining the Catamounts.

Also joining the team is a local Vermonter, Noah Johnson, and another New Englander, Sal Borea, from Connecticut.

Matt Baker and Malick Camara will represent the south.

"It's exciting for us. We have

a mixture of incoming freshmen. It's a group that's from all over the country; varying in position, size, levels of experience," head coach Jesse Cormier said.

"We feel like this class is going to be a pretty powerful group, and it will be able to really make a difference for the program," Cormier said. "We've been quite impressed with their quality and their readiness to compete and play at this level."

Although Cormier is very confident in the incoming class and their skills as players, he also has high hopes that these new players will be successful students at UVM.

"We want to have a group that is more than talent," Cormier said. "We want to have guys that are competitors, that have work ethic, heart, players who really care about this school and about being good student athletes."

Looking back on their previous season Cormier

recognized that the team unity aspect was missing.

"I felt like we had our first real difficult season and part of it was that we could have been more unified when things got difficult," Cormier said. "We didn't quite have that unity, and confidence to succeed."

Cormier believes that the new players joining with the returning players could have a positive effect on the team becoming more united.

"I want them to be a team. Building team elements around trust, communicating openly and honestly together, demanding more from one another, is going to be a challenge," Cormier said.

With these new players, the men's soccer team can start fresh this season.

"Our goal by the end of the season and as we go through our matches, is to be steadfast, be connected and to really be a good team," Cormier said.

LAST WEEK

### Men's lacrosse

4/11

Vermont 4,  
Albany 9

The men's lacrosse team was defeated by America East foe Albany April 11 on the road. The Great Danes outscored the Catamounts 6-1 in the second half.

### Women's lacrosse

4/14

Vermont 13,  
LeMoyne 9

The women's lacrosse team defeated the LeMoyne Dolphins in a non-conference game April 14 at Moulton Winder Field. Senior Alison Haigh scored five goals in the game. The win improves Vermont's record to 4-8.

THIS WEEK

### Tuesday

4/20

Women's lacrosse  
vs. Dartmouth  
3 p.m.

### Thursday -

### Saturday

4/22-4/24

Track and Field:  
Penn Relays in  
Pennsylvania  
time: TBA

### Saturday

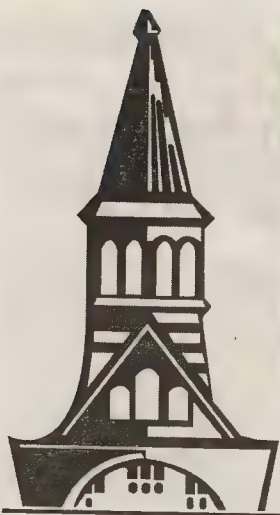
4/24

Track and Field: UNH  
Invitational @ New Hampshire  
11 a.m.

Men's lacrosse vs.  
UMBC  
12 p.m.

Women's lacrosse @ BU  
1 p.m.





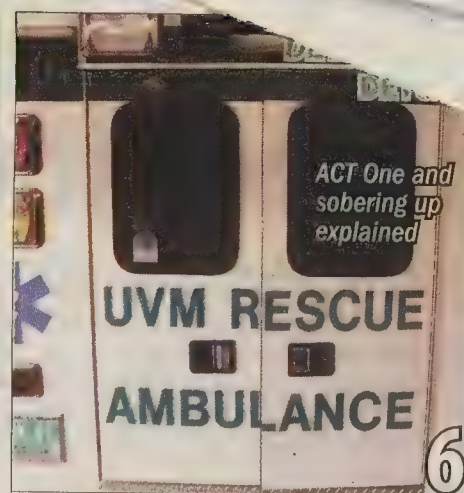
**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs Erik K. Shinseki  
named as 2010 graduation speaker

**GOODBYE STEERING COLUMN**  
Need somewhere else to get your car news?

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, April 27, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 27 | Burlington, Vermont



## Faculty divided on plan for a new UVM

### Skeptical of the "Spires"

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

Last semester, Professor Don Loeb had to teach a philosophy class with 172 students, which normally has no more than 65 students. Instead of taking 15 minutes to grade each exam, he now only has the time to take five.

Because of sacrifices like these, Loeb and some other faculty are worried that UVM doesn't have enough resources to put toward the new Transdisciplinary Research Initiative (TRI), a plan involving eight areas of study that could affect undergraduate curricula.

The eight topic areas, or "spires of excellence," as the University calls them, are: biological sciences and bioengineering, complex systems, culture and society, environment, food systems, neurosciences, policy studies and public health/sustainable health/health policy.

TRI collaborates research efforts across undergraduate and graduate colleges and the overall goal is to enhance the reputation of UVM as a research and scholarship institution at a national and international level, Cynthia Forehand, chair of Curricular Affairs, said.

Loeb said that he is worried that TRI could force students to stay here longer to complete requirements due to lack of

courses being offered and a lack of space in those courses.

"If this were just a problem in philosophy I wouldn't be talking about it," he said. "I think it's a problem across Arts and Sciences and across the University."

However, President Daniel Mark Fogel said he is proud of the TRI process and thinks it's essential in building the undergraduate and graduate community.

**"Right now it's almost a dictatorship, and that's just not right."**

Don Loeb  
UVM professor

"A lot of undergrads come here because they want research experience, and we're not going to attract the capable, engaged student body unless we have significant recognition in the scholarly world," President Fogel said.

Forehand supports TRI because it focuses more on graduate education but also allows undergraduates to have more research opportunities.

However, Loeb said that although he's not opposed to the ideas of the programs, he



**HARRISON BIGER** | The Vermont Cynic  
UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel addresses a crowded faculty senate meeting on April 12 regarding the Transdisciplinary Research Initiative (TRI). TRI has many stirred up controversy within the University's staff and faculty.

is concerned about the initial process of TRI.

"The question is what we can afford to do extra right now and what the trade-offs are and how much faculty is involved in governance here at the University," he said. "Right now it's almost a dictatorship, and that's just not right."

Faculty didn't have anything to do with picking the eight areas of study. The framework of TRI was decided upon by the

administration, Forehand said.

"Faculty are quite concerned about the process, including some supporters, because we weren't consulted at the earlier stages and later when we were consulted we weren't listened to very much," Loeb said.

However, President Fogel said that faculty has played a key role in endorsing this and more than 140 faculty members volunteered to help propose TRI.

Some members of the

University feel that there wasn't enough thought put into choosing the eight areas of study because it was done so quickly, sociology professor Tom Streeter said.

"The argument isn't that any of the eight areas were wrong or dumb, but people don't have confidence that the selection of those eight was the best selection that served as a reasonable starting point," he said.

see TRI page 2

## Clean Energy Fund announces sustainability projects

Through tuition dollars, all students support initiatives for a greener University

By Patrick Dowd  
Staff Writer

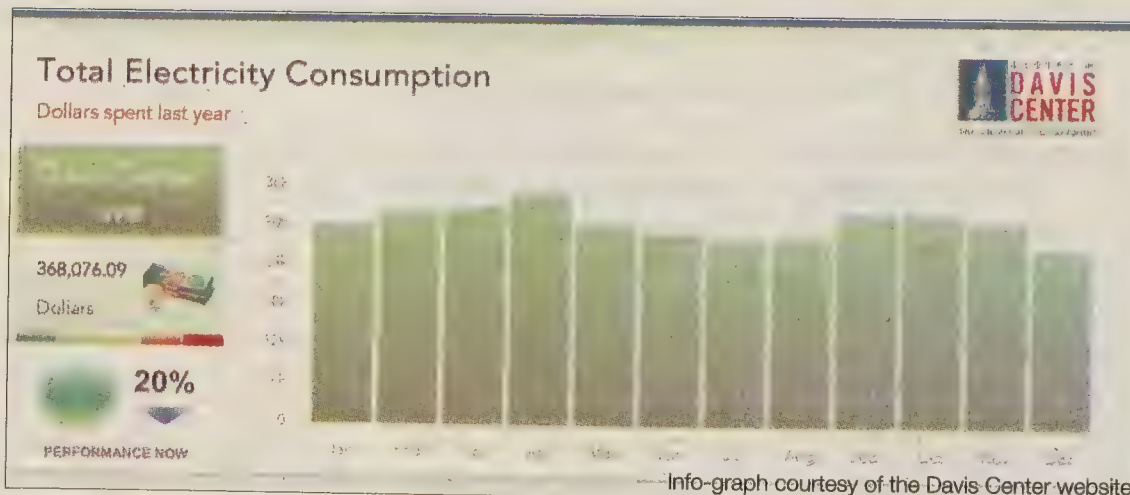
As the ecological fabric of our environment unravels around us, some students are taking initiative and progressing toward a sustainable coexistence with the environment.

However, every UVM student, many without even knowing, is involved in the development of sustainability values through the UVM's Clean Energy Fund (CEF).

"Each student is charged \$10 a semester for the Clean Energy Fund," Office of Sustainability Director Gioia Thompson said. "This money is [used] to make things happen that wouldn't have otherwise happened in the regular budget."

This year's approved CEF projects include:

- Solar panel installations
- "Campus Dashboard" — a real-time energy monitor of



four buildings (University Heights North and South, Votey and Given) and five renewable energy installations

- Addition of two sustainability-related courses
- Research on "Smart Grid" —

an electronically monitored system for efficiently delivering energy

Thanks to federal stimulus dollars, Vermont will be the first state to have a fully integrated smart grid system by the end of

2012, Thompson said.

The CEF committee approved \$256,669 to be spent on this year's projects out of the \$452,613 accumulated in two years. The Vermont Clean Energy Fund will match some of this money,

Thompson said.

"This is an effort to incorporate sustainability values into the institution's business," she said. "We're trying to build a program that will support meaningful student engagement in the long run."

These real-time displays show how much energy is being consumed and produced, and include useful conversions that help put energy into relatable terms.

According to research, real-time displays make a huge difference in motivating both awareness and response when it comes to energy consumption, Thompson said.

"We're interested in showing not just how much energy we use, but how difficult it is to produce all the energy we need," she said.

The Davis Center, another

see Sustainability page 3



# Operation inflation

Student grades are higher and some say work ethic is lower

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

When sophomore Ben Mervis heard that one of his professors tended to give high grades, he began to think twice about studying for class.

Over the past 10 years, data has shown that UVM undergraduates are earning more A's, and some UVM students and faculty argue that grade inflation is ever present on campus, as well as on a national scale.

Students are happy with the good grades given to them by their professors without the hard work because they are not feeling the negative effects immediately, Mervis said.

"Ultimately it's the students fault, because if the students are not putting in the effort, it continues to be a vicious cycle," he said.

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Joel Goldberg said students might not be the only ones to blame.

"From a faculty perspective, it is a lot easier to err on the side of giving a high grade, and I think there is a natural tendency to want to please people," Goldberg said.

There is also student pressure placed on faculty to give good grades based on the fact that

college is expensive, he said.

"Some students present it as, 'I showed up to class, I paid my tuition, I turned in every assignment and therefore I should get at least a B in this class regardless of how well I did on anything; I am owed a B,'" he said.

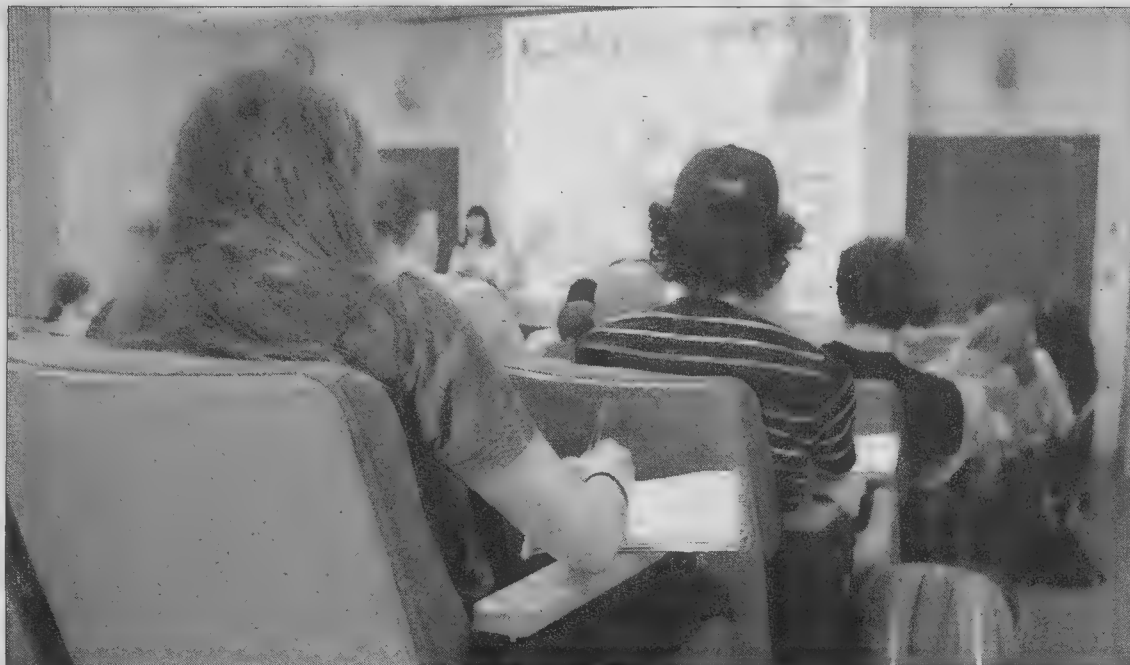
Grade inflation is one of those issues that people are not necessarily willing to take on, he said.

"There are some departments, just like there are individual faculty members, who derive their own sense of self by giving low grades, and that is evidence to them that their courses are really rigorous," Anthropology Department Chair Cameron Wesson said.

All that means is that the professor is not as open and encouraging towards students, but at the same time, there are professors that just want their students to like them and their subject matter, Wesson said.

"If you are a good teacher, what you should hope is that you made the concepts easy for people to master and understand," he said.

If every single student in the class makes an A, because they have done the work, did the readings and mastered the material, then a professor could



ELLEN BRUNSGAARD | The Vermont Cynic  
UVM students take notes in a large lecture hall. Students and faculty are beginning to question the high grades students are receiving.

consider themselves successful, he said.

"I would definitely say that what's happening at UVM reflects larger trends at American colleges, and the kind of enrollment at American universities," he said.

Grade inflation can be seen nationally, and is not necessarily something that needs to be squelched, University

Registrar Keith Williams said.

"If the student body is better qualified, coming from more of the top 10 percent of their high school classes, wouldn't you assume that they are better prepared and better students that would do better on exams?" Wesson said.

Grade inflation at UVM is just not something the administration

has spent lot of time trying to figure it out, Reed said.

"[Students] are here to be challenged, and if you sailed through high school with a lot of A's, some look forward to coming to college to be challenged," Goldberg said.

Mervis agreed. "I would rather be challenged because that is how I am going to learn the most."

## Veterans Affairs Secretary Shinseki to deliver May 23 commencement address

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki will address graduates at the commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 23.

"The secretary is a true American hero," President Daniel Mark Fogel said. "His presence on our commencement platform, and the inspiring speech he is sure to deliver will provide a true capstone experience for graduates and their families."

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders helped facilitate the invitation when UVM expressed an interest in inviting Shinseki. Huck Gutman, chief of staff to Sen. Sanders, said.

"We would say he's an emblem in the kind of truthfulness and responsibility that characterizes so much of Vermont," Gutman said.

Shinseki responsibly served his country and played a highly admirable role in the Veterans Administration and in the armed forces, he said.

"He's a man who reached great heights," Gutman said. "He rose to the highest level in the armed forces, Chair of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, the first Asian-American to hold that position,"

Secretary Shinseki was nominated by President Obama to serve as the seventh secretary of Veterans Affairs on Jan. 21, 2009, Associate Director of University Communications Jeff Wakefield said.

**"His presence on our commencement platform, and the inspiring speech he is sure to deliver, will provide a true capstone experience for graduates and their families."**

**Daniel Mark Fogel**  
UVM President

A retired U.S. Army four-star general, Secretary Shinseki served as Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army from 1998 to 1999. From 1999 to 2003 he

advanced to Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army when he retired from active duty, he said.

Secretary Shinseki served two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal, Wakefield said.

Secretary Shinseki holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and is a graduate of the National War College. He also earned Master of Arts degree in English literature from Duke University, Wakefield said.

Secretary Shinseki will also receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the ceremony, he said.

Graduation will be held on the University Green on Sunday, May 23. The student and faculty line up will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the ceremony will officially begin at 9 a.m.

Students can find specific details about the ceremony on the Commencement 2010 website: <http://www.uvm.edu/commencement>

## TRI | TRI causes controversy

...continued from page 1

Streeter said he felt that some people are afraid that the administration has their eyes too firmly fixed on short-term marketing and not enough on building the ideas that are needed to make it successful.

"There were corners cut because there was a sense that 'we' need to get this done," he said. "They cut a little too deep into the quality of the process."

Some faculty also worry the administration is trying to influence UVM's ranking in *U.S. News and World Report* and that the University is using TRI as publicity, Loeb said.

However, Dean of the Graduate College Domenico Grasso disagrees.

"The goal of TRI is to hire the best faculty and to have the best programs and so that the students and the state can benefit," Grasso said.

Streeter said that he felt UVM is too expensive to be a place where there's not enough research going on, and prospective students, especially those from out of state, focus on a university's reputation.

"One of the things that people look at when they're trying to decide colleges is, 'is this a serious place?' or 'is this a place with a good reputation?'" Streeter said.

Furthermore, the University has also talked about eliminating existing Ph.D. programs that don't have much going on with them, Streeter said.

"If you have a major that no student has graduated in for the last eight years, you might think it's time to consider eliminating that major," Forehand said.

However, President Fogel stressed that no programs will be eliminated. Only a select few programs have been delayed.

"[The programs that have been put on hold] haven't been killed yet, but people have been

told don't count on them and that certainly made a lot of people anxious," Streeter said.

Another set of complaints, particularly of interest to students, is that the University is creating TRI at a time when it doesn't have a lot of money, Streeter said.

"We're barely treading water financially, so it's getting harder for students to pay tuition and there are a lot of departments who aren't able to hire positions where faculty retired — sociology is one," he said.

People are not convinced that this can be done without overburdening other parts of the University, Streeter said.

"President Fogel will tell you 'this will not impact undergraduate education,' and I think we've all heard him say that many times but we haven't seen how it can be done," he said.

As of now, TRI is just a process and nothing is complete, Forehand said.

Three of the eight areas of study, Neuroscience, Behavior and Health, Complex Systems, and Food Systems were confirmed and announced on April 16, according to a report from University Communications.

The other five areas of study are still proposals and not yet "spires" and are currently in external review, Forehand said.

In May, the Board of Trustees will receive a status report on TRI and be asked to authorize the administration to proceed with next steps, according to a report from University Communications.

"I think that President Fogel is the best thing to happen to the University of Vermont in the 18 years that I've been here," Loeb said. "The previous presidents, for the most part, were just not competent in not showing leadership, but I think at this point, however, it's gone too far."

**Geography Professor with two well-behaved dogs seeks temporary summer housing (sublet, house-sitting or rental) and/or housing for academic year. Prefer small older house/apt in older house with wood floors and fenced yard. Please contact: amy.lilienfeld@uwc.edu.**



# Crime alert issued after sexual assault

By Hillary Walton  
Staff Writer

A recent crime alert text message issued by UVM Police Services may have students questioning their safety on campus.

According to the mass text, Police Services received a report of a sexual assault of a female student during the late evening hours on Tuesday, April 6 between Redstone and Athletic campuses.

"The alert, which offered few details, went out a full week after the incident because police were

not notified immediately." UVM Police Chief Lianne Tuomey told the *Burlington Free Press*.

No report had been filed with campus police, and authorities do not know the identity of the victim, Tuomey said.

First year Jen Attig said that the little information she has received about this incident made her feel uneasy.

"I always assume that I am safe at UVM," Attig said. "Apparently police have been asking students on Athletic and Redstone if they saw a body being dragged the night it happened."

UVM Police Services released

advice to avoid incidents such as this one.

**"Apparently police have been asking students...if they saw a body being dragged the night it happened."**

Jen Attig

UVM first year

"Students should be mindful

of their surroundings, travel in well-lit areas and take care to travel with friends and let people know your whereabouts, also report suspicious persons/activity to Police Services immediately," they said.

Unfortunately, incidents such as these may happen far more than students are aware.

The latest statistics released on the UVM website report shows that in 2008, there were three recorded cases of forcible rape on campus, three cases of forcible fondling and three cases of sexual assault reported anonymously.

In 2007, there were two

cases of forcible fondling and 20 cases of sexual assault reported anonymously.

Anyone with information about this incident should immediately contact Police Services at 802-656-3473 or [Police@uvm.edu](mailto:Police@uvm.edu).

Anyone in need of support may contact:

- The Counseling Center at 802-656-3340
- The Womens Center/Victim Advocate at 802-656-7892
- Residential hall students may also contact hall staff

## New senate members take their seats

Student Government Association of 2010-2011 is sworn into office

By Jenna Tucker  
Staff Writer

The SGA feels the winds of change as another year comes to a close.

April 13 marked the last meeting of this year's Senate and the first meeting of the 2010-2011 Senate, led by President Kofi Mensah and Vice President David Maciewicz.

The Senate includes nearly 20 new members and a new agenda for next year.

"I want people coming out of the senate body hitting the track running, not walking," Mensah said. "I can't stress how much this needs to be an effective body next year."

The new speaker and treasurer were also elected at the April 20 SGA meeting. Elizabeth Salsgiver will replace Hannah LeMieux as treasurer, and Claire Chevrier will take the position of SGA speaker.

"I think it's important that the speaker is really accessible, and I think it's important that you are firm but with a smile," Chevrier said.

The senate agreed with the



UVM Student Government Association (SGA) meets during the SGA presidential elections to discuss the candidacy of Kofi Mensah. The new SGA met officially for the first time on April 13.

recommendation of Salsgiver for treasurer as well.

Salsgiver, who has had no prior SGA involvement but has worked as treasurer for other clubs on campus, was voted into the treasurer position unanimously.

With the new positions filled, Mensah hopes to make the SGA more accessible for students next year.

"The senate cannot go in its new direction without the help of the UVM students," he said. "We need you to be able to let us know

exactly what it is that you want. I want it to be a relationship. That's what SGA should be."

The SGA will continue to have meetings every Tuesday night in the Livak Ballroom, and all students and faculty are welcome to attend.

## Two SGA senators resign

By Jenna Tucker  
Staff Writer

After only two weeks in session the 2010-2011 SGA has experienced two resignations.

Sophomores Patrick Dowd and William Bleakley resigned, President Kofi Mensah said.

Mensah said that the resignations were due to academic scheduling issues and not because of problems with the senate or lack of interest.

"They thought about it and decided that it wasn't something they could do, which is fine," Mensah said.

The senate will be making appointments to fill the two open spaces, with five spaces still open for incoming first-year students, Mensah said.

"This is all about transparency," he said. "We need to make elections and the commitments more clear."

The senate is looking for anyone who shows interest and is approved of by the senate body, Mensah said.

## UVM honors Holocaust Remembrance Week

Students commemorate through speeches, films and displays

By Amanda Hayward  
Cynic Correspondent

In front of tall, stained glass windows at sunset in John Dewey Lounge, Ginette Kellner shared her story of surviving the Holocaust.

Kellner's speech was one of the many events hosted by UVM Hillel and The Carolyn and Leonard Miller Center for Holocaust Studies during Holocaust Remembrance Week.

"My grandfather was in the Holocaust," senior David Darmoni said. "I'm a Jew, so it all kind of hits home for me."

Hillel secretary and junior Jacqui Walter is the granddaughter of Ginette Kellner and brought her to UVM to speak.

"We were trying to find a speaker and thought that it'd be nice if any of us knew someone personally," Walter said.

Hillel President and senior Dakota Johnston said that the main focus of Holocaust Remembrance Week is to remember the event and its importance.

"It's a moment in history

unlike any other," Johnston said. "You can never forget it."

**"I brought my children and their children to the places that I stayed during the Holocaust. You have to know. How else would you know if people didn't tell you?"**

Ginette Kellner

Holocaust survivor

Other events that happened during Holocaust Remembrance Week included The Litany of Names, a movie showing of "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" and The Field of Flags.

The Field of Flags is an annual display in which each of the flags

represents 5,000 individuals who perished in the Holocaust, Walter said.

"The purpose of the flags is to act as a visual representation of the number of individuals who were targeted and perished in the Holocaust," Walter said.

There are 2,400 flags of various colors in total, and each color represents a different group that was targeted during this time, including Jews, people with disabilities and homosexuals, she said.

"It makes me confident that we are doing our job with regards to advocating the importance of these events, and the significance of the impact it has had on Jewish and general history since it happened," Walter said.

Kellner also spoke about the importance of sharing her story with others and advocating for Holocaust education.

"I brought my children and their children to the places that I stayed during the Holocaust," Kellner said. "You have to know. How else would you know if people didn't tell you?"

## SUSTAINABILITY

\$256,669 of Clean Energy Fund allocated to be spent for this year's projects

...continued from page 1

student-proposed initiative, was the first student center in the United States to earn Leader in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification, and it was one of the first buildings to install a real-time energy meter, Thompson said.

"We're far from real sustainability — the illusive goal — but we're trying to move in a way that makes it possible to progress to the future," she said.

Students are working to make strides toward sustainability on their own as well.

Sophomore Máire Lenihan said she noticed a problem with excessive trash at the Marche.

As part of a class project, she is running a trial where select students are given reusable to-go boxes made from recycled plastics.

"I wanted to do something that would better the community and reduce trash," Lenihan said.

"The tough part is getting people to actually reuse the reusable containers."

According to Vermont's strict health codes, Lenihan says, students are not allowed to use their own reusable containers making it difficult to promote this kind of sustainability.

"Sustainability is about the survival of our species," the Vermont Student Environmental Program (VSTEP) Vice President Mikayla McDonald said. "Most indicators say we won't be able to sustain the path we're on forever."

VSTEP, a student-run organization dedicated to spreading environmental awareness, has led the campaign against the sale of bottled water on campus.

"Love has to be the general motivation for trying to preserve the environment," McDonald said. "How do you get people to love?"



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Natalie DiBlasio  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Will Andreyak  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palemino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbranco@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Jason Scott (Copy), Matthew Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Danielle Bilotta,  
Jenny Mudarri, Martine Wong, Devin Connor

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey Manning, Dan Boles, Megan Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen Brunggaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## UVM's Honda Civic

The new Transdisciplinary Research Initiative that the UVM administration is implementing is equivalent to getting a new paint job for your '95 Honda Civic.

It's immediately going to make the school look better, but inside you're still driving a Civic.

The plan creates more research opportunities at UVM and contains eight areas of study, or "Spires of Excellence." Spires of Excellence. Catchy.

And that's exactly what this plan is. It's catchy, progressive looking, respectable-sounding and, most importantly, rushed and flawed.

While the research element of the initiative may temporarily improve UVM's reputation as a top-notch school — it may even raise our rank in *U.S. News and World Report* — yet the overall cost burdens may hurt the school.

Now is a time when faculty is being cut, class sizes are ballooning and students are having more trouble than ever registering for classes.

Sinking money into our graduate student research programs is not working toward solving those critical problems with undergraduates' education.

Grad students make up only about 10 percent of the student population.

That means undergrads get to supply the extra money, either with higher tuition costs or having funds for their programs cut.

The money has to come from somewhere.

TRI has another problem: it was a move made almost entirely by the administration. Faculty were given very little say during the planning process.

It makes perfect sense. Why ask the people — who work most closely with students — about their students' strengths and needs, right?

And now that the planning is all over, what can the faculty really do? If you're not tenured you can't very well stand up against the administration. You just have to nod your head, smile and mumble your complaints under your breath.

The *Cynic* certainly believes in taking steps to improve the quality of education offered at UVM, but we believe that TRI just isn't the right step.

It comes off as a rushed publicity stunt, meant to expand the school's reputation in the short term while hurting it immediately financially.

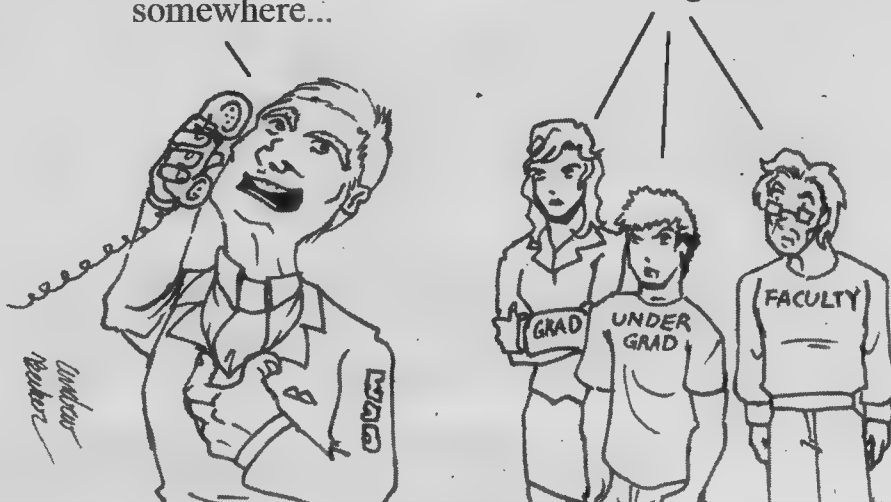
TRI may make UVM shinier but it doesn't address its current problems — it may just amplify them.

Maybe UVM just needs a new car.

Why yes, US News,  
our Grad students  
ARE developing a  
"green" Space Probe,

We'll find the money  
somewhere...

What are WE  
doing?



## COLUMNISTS



ZACH DESPART

## Houston, we have an image problem

My initial thoughts about writing this article were that NASA is a colossal waste of money that doesn't really accomplish much anymore. But looking into the subject, I found that NASA doesn't have Research and Development problem, but an image problem.

NASA hasn't come close to repeating the popularity it achieved with the Apollo program, which ended in 1975. More recently, no news has been good news for NASA.

Some mishaps have been downright embarrassing — like when an unmanned spacecraft was lost somewhere around Mars in 1993, or when a miscalculation between the standard and metric system destroyed a \$125 million Mars orbiter in 1999.

Seriously, it seems like the best thing about NASA in the 1990s was Ron Howard's "Apollo 13" — I'm not forgetting "Armageddon"; that movie sucked. Other NASA failures have been tragic, like the loss of the space shuttle Challenger

in 1986 and Columbia in 2003, which cost the lives of 14 total astronauts.

A lot of people argue NASA is a proverbial black hole of taxpayer dollars — but I don't agree. The 2010 NASA budget is \$18.9 billion, just one half of one percent of the federal budget. It peaked in 1966 at 5.5 percent.

After all, we don't realize how much of what we use today was a result of NASA innovation — scratch-resistant glasses, cordless power tools, water purifying filters and the CT scan.

The photograph of the earth entirely illuminated by the sun, taken by the Apollo 17 crew in 1972, is one of the most widely distributed photographs in existence.

## Seriously, it seems like best thing about NASA in the 1990s was Ron Howard's "Apollo 13."

In 2004, President Bush announced the Constellation program, which set the ambitious goal of getting Americans back to the moon by 2020. 2020?! We got there in a tin can with the computing power of a graphing calculator in 1969!

The Obama administration has decided to cancel the Constellation program, which President Obama described as "over budget, behind schedule and lacking innovation."

If the White House sees NASA as something that can

be underfunded to curb federal spending, there's no arguing that those funds could be more effectively spent.

Although Constellation is lackluster in its goals, scrapping it entirely not only admits failure, but throws away \$9 billion and half a decade of research.

Constellation did set some tangible goals, like completing the International Space Station, and returning to the moon by 2020. But then it set vague, uninspiring goals with no projected time frame like "extend human presence across the solar system" and "implement a sustained and affordable robotic program." Where's the "we will put a man on the moon by the end of this decade" rhetoric?

The bottom line is: NASA needs to reshape its message. Average folk just don't get excited about an unmanned spacecraft taking pictures of the moons around Jupiter. The last American astronaut to gain international fame was Lisa Novak, who drove from Texas to Florida in a diaper after trying to kidnap another astronaut's husband in 2007.

If NASA thinks that putting a man on Mars is in reach, then set a date for it. Give Americans something to believe in and be inspired by.

NASA isn't a relic from the past, but a force for the future, and it needs to amend its image, message and goals to reflect that.

Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.

## CORRECTION

In the Issue 26 article "Simpson Dining Hall receives \$7 million for renovations," the photo credit should be Freeman French Freeman, Inc., not Dan Evanko.

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"LET'S TAKE BETTY SUTTON OUT OF THE HOUSE AND PUT HER BACK IN THE KITCHEN."**

— A line from a Medina County GOP political flyer sent to 15,000 Ohio residences as part of a campaign against Congresswoman Betty Sutton, D-Ohio.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

THE VERMONT CYNIC  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

## ADVERTISING

[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



## COLUMNISTS

## Take a minute and think for yourself



MICHAEL FARLEY

Before you read any further, stop thinking about whatever it is you are thinking about and pay attention — I need you to do something for me; just a little something, and I promise it won't kill you.

All you need to do is take everything you think you know about the world, put it aside and start thinking for yourself for the next five minutes.

Now that we're all thinking for ourselves, let me give you something to think about: The world we live in, friends, is run by power-hungry hypocrites.

Not a new thought for you? Good. If this a completely new thought to you, strap yourselves in, you're the people I'm talking to.

For centuries, people have fought against the tyranny of their aristocratic, meritocracy-bred leaders: the fall of the Roman Empire, the American Revolution, the French Revolution.

Yet, even after all that history of fighting for people's rights, our governments are mostly still run

by wealthy white men.

The laws in the country are so ambiguous they can be easily be manipulated at the stroke of a pen to suit the personal morals of a select few individuals. Just look at the prohibition laws of the early 20th century.

But don't even think of

**But if you even mention overthrowing the government in this country, you'll find yourself in prison or worse before you can say "freedom of assembly."**

starting a revolution like the ones from centuries past now. Sure, you can get away with a political movement here and there, but if you even mention overthrowing the government in this country, you'll find yourself in prison or worse before you can say "freedom of assembly."

Personally, I don't think a government run and led completely by and for the people would ever work without some sort of corruption leading us right back where we started. It's a vicious cycle that needs to end, but never will.

Another vicious cycle that needs to end is the religious hierarchy which has fingers in almost every aspect of modern

life.

The president is sworn in using the Bible. Look at the back of the dollar bills in your pocket. Abortion may be a big issue, but how many are against it purely for religious beliefs?

Gay couples can't get married in the church because it is "wrong," yet priests have been molesting little boys for who knows how long?

Love thy neighbor but slaughter thy enemy. Respect family values but have as many wives as needed. Become a martyr and kill innocent "infidels" so you can go to a paradise that may not even exist.

What happened to love, respect, freedom?

What happened to actually caring?

Do those things even really exist, or have we been brainwashed by self-profiting, self-righteous leaders?

This is why I'm asking you to think for yourself.

Question the foundation on which worldwide society is based.

Never stop asking questions and demanding answers. If the answers don't make sense, go out and make your own answers.

You can now go back to whatever it is you were thinking.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*



JUSTIN BALDASSARE

## Immigration bill will inspire racial profiling

Last Monday, the Arizona State Senate passed a bill that could drastically overhaul the Grand Canyon State's approach to illegal immigration.

By the time you read this, it's possible that the governor will have signed it — transforming this caterpillar of a bill into a full-blown, xenophobic butterfly of a law.

You see, this law takes an extreme approach to the issue. If it passes, all immigrants — or anyone thought to be an immigrant — will be obligated to carry documentation of their status at all times.

If the police have "reason to believe" that someone is an immigrant and they don't have papers, then the police can arrest them.

I'm sure everyone — including the bill's drafters — is aware of the potential for abuse. No one is operating under the pretense that this is going to be enforced in a racially neutral

way, and it almost certainly will lead to civil liberties violations.

I'm one of those people who can't stand it when words like "Nazi" or "fascist" are casually thrown around, so I'm going to be guarded about this. However, I think it's fair to say that this bill constitutes at least a baby step or two in the direction of totalitarianism.

Don't believe me? Ask Republican — yes, Republican — State Representative Bill Konopnicki, who says, "We're going to look like Alabama in the '60s."

Of course, Mr. Konopnicki ended up voting for the bill because "everybody was afraid to vote 'no' on immigration."

It's nice to hear someone so refreshingly honest about his lack of moral fiber, I have to say.

Anyway, the upside is that the law will definitely hit some heavy flak in the courts, and its chances for long-term survival are relatively slim.

And that's that. It's all just further evidence that something serious needs to be done on this front.

Lindsey Graham and Charles Schumer have put together a bipartisan immigration reform bill that could bring a little sanity to the situation.

And if the law encourages Washington to take the issue seriously, it may just turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

*Justin Baldassare is a sophomore history major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2009.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Longer school year unwise

Dear Editor,

There was an article in last week's paper talking in favor of the plan supported by President Obama to lengthen the number of days, and number of hours each day, that America's K-12 students spend sitting in the classroom.

I think this idea is not only unfair to the students, but will not actually improve the American education system in the ways it needs to be improved. In order to fix American schools, the emphasis needs to be on fixing the teachers — look up the terrifying phenomenon of "whole language teaching" that began in California — and bringing students to be more self-reliant.

According to a 2008 article in TIME Magazine about Michelle Rhee, "The biggest problem with U.S. public schools is ineffective teaching, according to decades of research."

Finnish students spend less time in school than students in many other countries — approximately 570 hours per year in Finland versus approximately 1,100 hours per year in the U.S. — and yet they have some of the highest test scores in the world, according to the results of an international test taken by 15-year-olds in 57 countries.

The success of Finnish

students rests on their self-reliance and the strong sense of responsibility harbored by both students and teachers. The students do not need the extra hours in school because they are focused and driven while in school and are taught the material efficiently.

Keeping American students in school even longer as it functions now will not change their values, it will only make them dislike school even more.

However, I do agree that the summer is too long of a block without any academic work, and students do lose a substantial amount of information stored in their brains over the summer.

I propose that the school year should be broken up by four month-long increments when the students are not in school (e.g. December, March, June, September). This way, the wait for a vacation won't seem so interminably long for young students, parents don't have to worry about daytime babysitting for more than a month at a time, and information is retained.

Sincerely,  
Bria-Leigh Yazic  
Class of 2013

## Hold them responsible

Dear Editor,

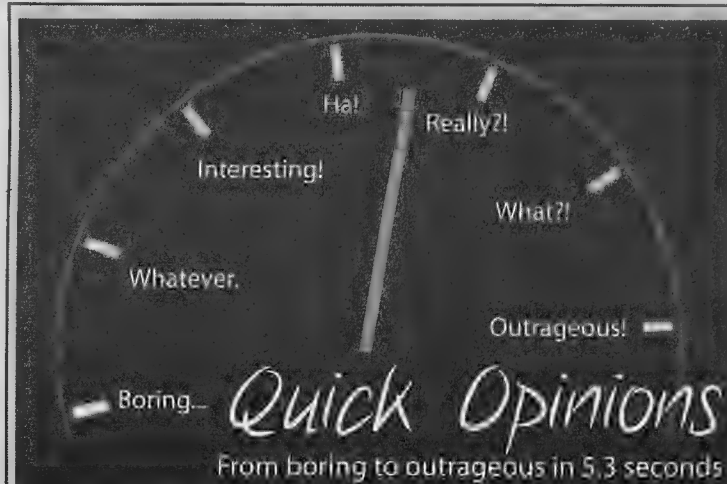
I have been following the Bushway case since the HSUS

video surfaced in November of 2009, which clearly showed egregious abuses of days-old calves. Vermont agricultural officials have said that they didn't know what was going on. However, in the March 24, 2010 *Seven Days* article, it references a "memorandum of interview" by Dr. Dean Wyatt that detailed inhumane treatment of animals at the plant and was transmitted by e-mail to Vermont officials.

As a taxpayer and concerned citizen of Vermont, I am angry to realize that my hard earned tax dollars are being used to pay for Vermont agricultural officials who are not looking out for the welfare of animals. We entrust them with this responsibility. It matters little if the animals are in a slaughterhouse or a barn — abuse and torture should not be permitted and complacency should not be the norm.

Where are Bill Sorrell and the office of the Attorney General in all of this? Reportedly, an investigation is pending. Though it may be too late for the animals that were tortured and skinned alive. At the very least, criminal charges should be brought and all persons found responsible should be convicted.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Cameron  
Burlington, Vt.



## Farley

The most recent episode of "South Park" involving the Prophet Muhammad was heavily censored after Revolution Muslim, an Islamic protest group, warned of a violent retribution, saying the show's creators would end up like Theo Van Gogh, the controversial filmmaker murdered by radical extremists in 2004. You're kidding me, right? Honestly, extremists, you make it really hard for the rest of the world to like you. Maybe if you didn't take things so personally we could all learn to get along and have a laugh together.

## Despart

People who comment on CNN.com — Aside from the seditious nature of some of your comments, use a spell checker! On my computer, misspelled words are automatically underlined in red. If you don't have that nifty feature, use a dictionary! You don't even need a print version — just go on dictionary.com. When you call someone "facist" it takes away your already shrinking claim.

## Krieger

President Obama asked Wall Street in a stern speech last week to "join us, instead of fight us," on issues of regulation. I guess Obama hopes that this little talk will set them straight. I feel like he's giving the keys back to the drunk driver that just smashed through the White House fence, telling him to be more careful next time.





## DETAILS ABOUT DETOX

What happens when students are sent to sober up

By Henry Bond  
Staff Writer

Before you set foot on Burlington's sidewalks for another thrilling weekend night, remember that there are a few things not worth experiencing — like being transported to Fletcher Allen and ACT One detoxification center downtown.

"Intoxicated students usually arrive with the police at ACT One between the hours of 11 p.m. and 1 a.m.," ACT One coordinator Timothy Moran said.

ACT One is a community-based alcohol and drug crisis stabilization and social detoxification program, which provides 24-hour supervised shelter for clients who have come to the attention of law enforcement or are self-referred, according to its website.

"Students are only taken to the emergency room at Fletcher Allen if there are medical complications, such as being unconscious," Moran said. "If they are a danger to themselves or others [being combative], they are sent to ACT One."

Students arrive at the Fletcher Allen Emergency Room or ACT One via a UVM Rescue ambulance.

UVM Rescue responds — often to police or a friend of the patient — by phone call based on health safety risk, Chris Soons, UVM Rescue public relations officer, said.

UVM rescue is strict about following through with protocol.

"If someone is intoxicated, they give up the right to decide whether they're intoxicated or not," Soons said. "Our protocol is that we're not able to release them unless it's okay with Medical Control, the attending physicians in the Emergency Department."

Fortunately, most students are just sobering up.

"We [most often] deal with the acute affects of alcohol on students," Stephen Leffler, Fletcher Allen Emergency Department director, said. "Not alcohol withdrawal, which is a physical dependence from alcohol where stopping makes you sick."

After a student is delivered to either Fletcher Allen or ACT One, UVM Police Services notifies the University of the incident.

"The Center for Student Ethics and Standards [CSES] will be made aware of any student brought to detox," Captain Tim Bilodeau of UVM Police Services said. "Residential Life is made aware of on-campus students taken to detox."

CSES organizes the judicial

hearing that decides if policies have been violated, but the process doesn't necessarily begin immediately.

"It can take as long as a month and a half to get your hearing if it's a first offense," sophomore Ted Burns, a UVM student who's been through the process, said. "You think you're off the hook, that they forgot."

However, before the scheduled hearing notification, an initial letter does arrive in the mail about a week after the incident.

The letter warns the student that alcohol is a dangerous substance and its effects can be detrimental, and requires that the student contact the UVM Counseling Center.

In order to prepare for the hearing, the student has the opportunity to consult a student advisor through Student Legal Services (SLS), a free service paid for by the SGA.

"When a student sits down with us, we try to gather info about incidents, what happened and documents," Lindsey Gillies, SLS advisor, said.

There are some restrictions to the help SLS can provide.

"We are very serious about confidentiality of our clients," Gillies said. "But we cannot give out any legal advice, we're not lawyers."

From the student perspective, it's important to be honest with the advisors.

"If you lie and try to change your story, then SLS won't help you," Burns said. "They're there to talk with you and prepare you for what you should and shouldn't say."

When the actual hearing takes place, the student will sit down across from representatives of the CSES.

"It's a little bit like an official court, but they try to make it more relaxed," Burns said.

If a student is unsatisfied with the outcome of the case, he or she can appeal and sit down for another hearing.

"The experience is really stressful, especially the appeal, because you're worried about messing up your words," Burns said.

But the goal of CSES isn't to cause excess stress.

"It's not our intention to intimidate students," Assistant Director of CSES Troy Headrick said. "We're trying to tap them on the shoulder and say 'hey pay attention to this.'"

After the hearing(s), sanctions are imposed.

Sanctions allow the CSES to offer a developmental experience for the student, to maintain a sense of consistency on the campus and to create and support a positive community, according to a Power Point document posted on the UVM website.

Project Discovery, one possible sanction, serves as an alternative to suspension, according to the UVM website, and includes an exploration of gender identity and socialization.

Detoxification and its aftermath can be an educational experience for the student, Headrick said.

"Some students are shaken by the experience and allow it to be a pivotal moment and wake up call," Headrick said. "But others are cavalier and unwilling to talk about the previous night, and they don't utilize the opportunity to learn."

Burns said that he was angry the first time he was taken to detox, but that he has learned a lot from the process, especially his suspension. "The process has taught me to stay out of trouble and become a more mature individual," he said.



KELSEY WOOLEY | The Vermont Cynic





# SPARTAN RACE

## MAY 16th

CATAMOUNT OUTDOOR CENTER

BENEFITS ST. JUDE

CHILDRENS HOSPITAL



St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital

**2 MILE RACE OF INSANE OBSTACLES  
POST RACE PARTY  
WITH TWIDDLE AND PULSE PROPHETS**



**TYPE "BURLINGTON" FOR ENTRY FEE DISCOUNT**  
**WWW.SPARTANRACE.COM**



# Senior seminars bring crowd

By Brooke Morrison  
Staff Writer

Producing a meaningful performance with limited time is a trickier task than most might assume.

Conveying a message, deriving laughs or moving the audience to tears is a goal more easily accomplished with prolonged character interaction.

However, from April 15-18, the UVM Theatre Department hosted an impressively diverse and moving selection of One Acts, all directed by graduating theatre majors for their senior seminar class.

The performances took place in the Royall Tyler Theatre and were split up into three groups.

Group A performed on April 15 and 17, and was comprised of three One Acts: "The One Where No One's Ready" directed by Emily S. Hyman, "Classification: Black" written and directed by Jessie Stuart, and "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" directed by Alyssa Prendergast.

Group B performed the April 16 and 18, and featured "Neurotic Female: A Brain Play" directed by Annie Stauffer, "Answers"

directed by Tom Topor, "Debate" directed by Matthew Trollinger, and "Helen at Risk" directed by Jack Tabor.

Group C performed the April

17 and 18, with "The Mystery at Twickham Vicarage" directed by David Ives, "The Magic Table, The Gold Donkey & The Cudgel In The Sack" directed by Spencer

Leopold-Cohen, "On The Edge" by Brittany Flynn, "Duct Tape" written and directed by Hannah E. Shihidian and an adaptation of "The Tell-Tale Heart" directed by Allison Fay Brown.

The diversity of the performances was one of the most striking aspect of the One Acts.

The narratives ranged greatly, and the directors all had very different stylistic approaches to their stories.

The result was a refreshing and equally entertaining experience each time the set was removed and a new performance began.

Audience engagement was extraordinary. Annie Stauffer's piece featured a young twenty-something girl waiting on a phone call from her jerk boyfriend, and the absurd mental torture she undergoes.

The narrator, played by Sam Durant Hunter, acted as an all-knowing liaison between the girl, dubbed Daphne, and the audience. The hilarious anecdotes and profanity-riddled descriptions of her inner thoughts left the audience laughing uproariously.

The play was an endless

trudge through the stereotypical self-doubting female experience, but the conclusion left viewers cheering in their seats long after the lights went down.

The use of light was a key aspect in each of these narratives. The eerie detective story "Answers," utilized both an intense spotlight and dim lighting in ways that completely dominated the scenario.

Roughhoused by two bullying cops, the bedraggled victim squirmed under the spotlight in an uncomfortable metallic chair. As the light narrowed, the tension was tangible and the effect was moving and powerful.

A number of directors also wrote their own One Acts. Hannah E. Shihidian choreographed and wrote a stirring piece on the theme of different women's vocal oppression, in a simple yet effectively arranged series of six monologues.

The execution of these One Acts require a great attention to detail, among many other things. These performances were hilarious, clever, moving, showcased great technical ability and serve as a testament to the knowledge and skill of these graduating theatre majors.



Illustration by Aaron Benjamin Lopez Barrantes

## Cows return to Burlington

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

Nothing peculiar sits inside Jackie Mangione's studio — except for a cow.

The lofty white space contains painting supplies, industrial lighting and a life-size fiberglass cow erected in the middle.

After submitting a 12-inch proposal for the Cows Come Home to Burlington project, a community art project to be displayed on Church Street in Burlington from May through September, local painter Mangione was chosen to participate.

At the close of the exhibition, the cows, the muses of 35 local artists, will be auctioned off with proceeds benefiting the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger.

Painted cows as public, interactive art have been parading the street of cities around the globe.

"I just love the idea that it was a public opportunity, an interactive fun event, that is linked to the fundraiser. This happens all over the world," Mangione said.

Raised in New York, Mangione became a resident of Burlington after receiving an education at the Pratt Institute.

She said that she is particularly fond of the natural environment Vermont offers, which serves as inspiration for her work with watercolors, acrylic and silk.

"I just feel fortunate — this beautiful place, who would want to leave this beautiful place?" she said. "There is a nice consciousness, an environmental

consciousness about our state."

At an early age, Mangione would rummage through her older sister's makeup. In her room, she would turn lipstick, mascara and bright nail polishes into paint, her preferred medium.

It was then that she began to receive attention for her artistic impulse.

Her ability to capture the forms, textures and rich colors of nature go beyond canvas. Mangione created hand painted silk scarves after teaching classes at a summer camp, Camp Common Ground.

"I think the way that paints moves on fabric is an attraction for me. The water flows, a natural kind of take to it," Mangione said.

This natural flow makes its way onto the cow, affectionately named Moonique.

A veteran to donating and creating art for charitable causes, Mangione recently painted a chair to benefit programs sponsored by Recycle North.

Even in what she described as a small action, it allowed her to give back to the Burlington community.

The painted scene upon the cow is Mangione's interpretation of the French Rococo style painter, Jean-Honore Fragonard's painting of the town of Louveciennes, France.

The scenes are dripping in romance, and come to life with Mangione's preferred colors, creating a light that illuminates the cow.

Mangione looks forward to the cow debuting on Church Street and its place both as an artistic piece and a plaything for a curious child.



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic

Local painter Jackie Mangione's studio sports a painted cow, which will be displayed on Church Street from May through September. After the close of the exhibition, the cows will be auctioned for charity.

## Indie folkers pack the Monkey

West Coast buzz band rocks sold-out crowd



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

The Morning Benders, of Berkeley, Calif., play a set at the Monkey House on April 16. Bassist Tim Or celebrated his birthday by blowing out candles.

### Staff Report

Chris Chu, lead singer and guitarist of quartet The Morning Benders from Berkeley, Calif., wooed a sold out crowd at the Monkey House on April 16 with his distinctive voice.

MSR Presents, a Burlington-based music promotion company, brought in the band after their renowned album, "Big Echo," dropped in March.

"Big Echo" fared well in the intimate confines of the bar, as crisp vocals and twangy guitar reverberated through the enthusiastic Friday night crowd.

The band is currently in the midst of their first national tour. After a successful spring tour and second album, they will be playing at the Osheaga Music Festival in Montreal in August.



# No more wheat please

## Gluten-free trends at UVM increase due to demand

By Allison Keller  
Cynic Correspondent

As the number of UVM students following strict gluten-free diets increases, UVM Dining Services is working to meet their dietary needs.

Gluten includes barley, rye, wheat and often oats, and must be avoided by people who have Celiac Disease or other digestive problems, according to the Celiac Disease Foundation's website.

According to the website, the disease is a lifelong digestive disorder affecting children and adults where even minimal consumption of gluten leads to damage in the small intestine and does not allow food to be properly absorbed.

"We have a growing number of students with gluten-free dietary needs on our campus," Paul Bahan, director of marketing for Sodexo Campus Services, said.

Bahan said that gluten-free dining options are available in all three Resident Dining locations — Simpson, Harris Millis and Cook — in designated areas with separate microwaves and toasters.

Despite UVM's efforts, some students say they still struggle to find a variety of available foods on and off campus. To deal with this, a gluten-free club was established last year, according to the members.

"The purpose of the Gluten-

Free Club is to establish a support group for people who are living a gluten-free lifestyle and to increase awareness of Celiac Disease," sophomore and club member Alissa Carberry said.

Carberry said that the club recognizes that UVM has improved in recent years, but the University still struggles to meet the needs of those with a gluten allergy.

"UVM has done a better job in the past year in the dining halls, and they now offer gluten-free bread at the Marketplace and at Alice's," Carberry said. "But overall UVM is not very supportive."

"The biggest challenge is finding variety in my gluten-free diet," sophomore and club member Lucy Glaize said. "I have a very strict case of Celiac Disease, so there is no give or take room when it comes to gluten consumption."

Another problem Carberry and Glaize said that they face on campus is the problem of mislabeled food.

"The greatest issue we have is the mislabeling of items," Carberry said. "The Marketplace once listed beef and barley soup as gluten-free, while the name inherently states that it is not."

As a result, Carberry and Glaize said they end up eating a lot of food downtown or purchasing groceries.

"Most restaurants, especially here in Burlington, by now are well aware of gluten intolerances,"

Glaize said. "Even if their menu does not specify gluten-free, the chefs can suggest plenty of gluten-free options at the restaurant."

Carberry and Glaize listed Leunig's, Vermont Pub and Brewery and American Flatbread as providing gluten-free dishes.

Bove's, a Burlington Italian restaurant that gained fame after its lasagna was featured on Food Network's show "Throw Down with Bobby Flay," recently issued a press release describing "Pasta-Less Lasagna," a gluten-free version of their popular dish.

Sophomore Hope Ressler, who is currently going through medical tests to determine if she has a gluten intolerance, said that she was pleased to hear about Bove's initiative.

"I am impressed with Bove's initiative to meet gluten-free communities," she said. "I am impressed with their ingenuity to make different recipes to meet everyone's needs, and I'm sure a lot of gluten-free eaters will appreciate a restaurant going out to the way to meet needs."

Bahan said that UVM Dining Services plans to continue to adapt to meet students needs.

"We do rely heavily on the students to identify their needs and to supply feedback on how we are fulfilling those needs," he said.

Bahan said that next fall UVM Dining Services will adopt a new ordering student program where students can pre-order a gluten-free meal on-line.



BAILEY CUMMINGS | The Vermont Cynic  
Gluten-free products sit in their designated section in the Marché. Gluten-free eating has recently been gaining more recognition on campus.

"We are looking to shorten the wait time for them so they can pick up their meal and join friends in the dining room [without] feeling that they are being singled out," Bahan said.

"If nothing else, I think it's

important to just know that the Gluten-Free Club knows it can be hard to be accommodating," Carberry said. "But if we're paying for the same meal plan everyone else is, we'd just like some more options."

## THE LAST STEERING COLUMN



ANDREW COLLINS

### Riding into the sunset

You probably never thought the day would come, but I'm afraid a bittersweet moment is upon us. That's right. UVM's favorite biweekly automotive piece has reached its conclusion.

And since there doesn't seem to be any more nerdy car fanatics clamoring for my job, that means it's curtains for The Steering Column.

I know what you're thinking: "Where will I get my fix of indignant rants about Chinese car parts or loquacious accounts of what barf inside a motorcycle helmet smells like?"

By that I know you mean, "Great automotive news" and fear not, I have an answer.

Just as much as you can't get enough of my intellectual prose, I can't get enough writing it. So I'm taking *The Cynic's* little-known automotive blog "RoadRoving" that I created and evolving it into a super sweet website devoted to the comedy of car culture.

I even bought a fancy URL, so as of about a month ago you can access RoadRoving.com and get the same quality blathering you've come to love in "The Steering Column" online at a cool address.

Give it a look, I think you'll appreciate the differences between the column and the

website pretty quickly. At RoadRoving.com not only am I the principle writer, I'm also editor, illustrator and videographer.

So you can expect more updates, more potty mouth and more pictures, including zebras riding motorcycles, on RoadRoving.com than you've ever seen in The Steering Column.

The idea is to provide automotive news updates as often as they happen, and keep you apprised of my misadventures in motoring in the meantime.

You can also look forward to automotive event coverage, original video content and hopefully some interesting accounts of the mechanical projects I undertake.

Over the next few months I'll be co-driving to Yellowstone, restoring a rusty old Italian convertible and breathing new life into an aging motorcycle, all of which will be covered in detail on the website.

Yes, the site will be peppered with pictures of female celebrities in bikinis to shamelessly drive traffic. And yes, that plan has been working pretty well.

But I'm hoping people will stay for the content, even if they show up for the pinups.

So thanks for reading, it's been a great few years writing The Steering Column and I hope there's at least one person out there who would admit they've read it. It's been an honor to contribute to *The Cynic* and I thank all my editors for the opportunity.

Don't forget to check me out on RoadRoving.com, your new source for great reads about cars, bikes and everything nice.

See you on the road.

# The pink pedal challenge

## Students cycle across country to find cure for breast cancer

By Allison Keller  
Cynic Correspondent

On May 23, sophomore Ty Bereskie and three other college students from different universities will begin a 3,100-mile cycling expedition from Pottsville, Pa. to Los Angeles, Calif.

The purpose of their journey is neither adventure nor recreation, but instead for curing breast cancer.

"It all started out in one of my friends' basements over winter break," Bereskie said. "We wanted to do something different than what we normally do, something for a charity."

The three other students, Travis Brown and John Anczarski from the University of Colorado and Nicholas Gober from Pennsylvania State University, have all encountered the grief that results from the illness.

"Cancer is something that affects all of our lives in some

way," Gober said. "I'm positive we can make it through this together and help fight this terrible disease."

Their route takes the tour between the border of Ohio and West Virginia toward Kentucky, to get on the Transamerica Trail. They then will go through Colorado to southern Arizona, traveling along the Grand Canyon and into California.

"No doubt, the Pink Pedal is going to be a challenge, but I'm glad it gives me the opportunity to give back to a cause that affects so many people," Brown said.

Bereskie and his teammates are trying to involve more Burlington residents in fundraising within the next month.

"We've been raising awareness in many different ways — news stations, radio shows, newspapers," he said. "But we are trying to reach out to the UVM community more to raise awareness."

University of Vermont

students are supportive of this charitable deed.

First year Kat Pokrandt has dealt with breast cancer in her family and applauds their efforts.

"I think it's really respectable that four college students are doing so much to help fight breast cancer," she said.

The team is finding many sources of donations. Several different companies, including Vitamin Water, State Street Bikes and Twin Six Apparel, are sponsoring them, Bereskie said, and all donations are going toward the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

As well as giving back to the community and raising awareness about breast cancer, these four students' main goal is demonstrate the power of the individual.

"One thing that I really want to get out of this is to show people that normal students like us can do extraordinary things," Bereskie said. "Anyone can make a difference."

Summer sub-letter needed for one bedroom in a 4-bedroom apartment on College St. (one block from UVM, three from downtown). Rent is \$750/mo. but is negotiable. Hardwood floors, new kitchen, skylights, two parking spaces. Contact 860-670-8434 or mdemalli@uvm.edu for more info.

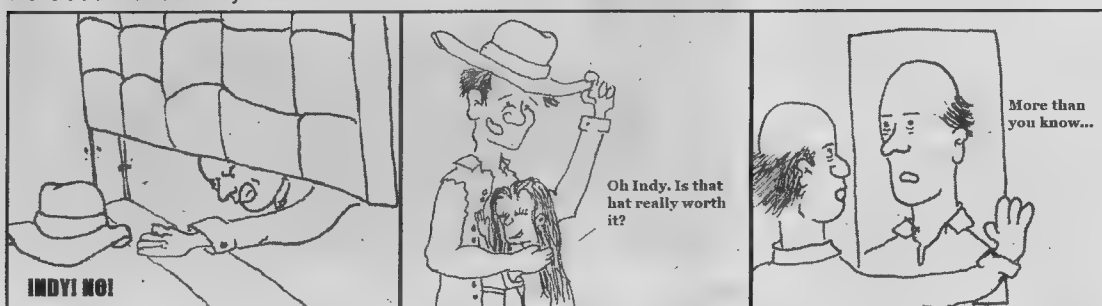


# Comics

## The Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker



## No Good Reason



## 2 Girls 1 Cat





**PASTABILITIES**

All Natural—Preservative Free  
[VERMONTPASTA.COM](http://VERMONTPASTA.COM)

**The Most Free Pizza Toppings  
 In America**

Find a place with more, and we'll give you a free pizza.  
 Must bring a copy of the menu for free offer.

**Free Small  
 2-topping  
 Pizza**

May not be combined. Expires 6/30/2010


Every Thursday Is  
Half Price Pizza Night  
 (large pies, up to 2 toppings)

Sign Up As a Facebook Fan  
 (Facebook.com/vermontpasta)

**598-5513**

**UVM is a 2010  
Peace Corps Top College!**

Learn more at our Information Session  
**Monday, May 10**  
**2:00 PM**  
Morrill Hall  
Dean's Conference Room  
University of Vermont

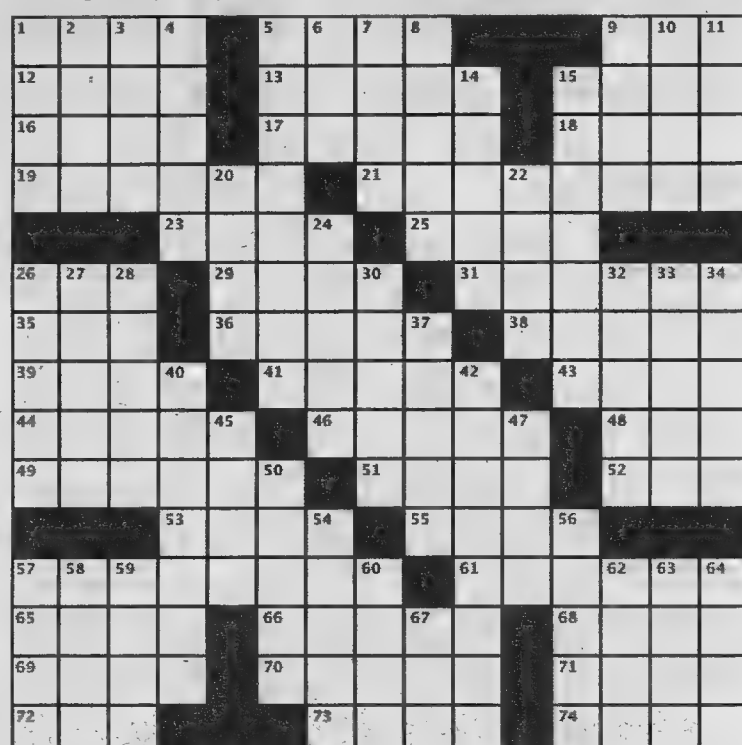


*Life is calling. How far will you go?*

**Peace Corps**

[www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) 800.424.8580

# Crossword

brought to you by [bestcrosswords.com](http://bestcrosswords.com)

## ACROSS

- 1- Apple product
- 5- \_\_\_\_ boy!
- 9- Actor Beatty
- 12- Den
- 13- \_\_\_\_ Dame
- 15- Golfer's "watch out!"
- 16- Memo heading
- 17- Urges
- 18- Hostelries
- 19- Thrust out
- 21- Little black folio?
- 23- Andean country
- 25- Clairvoyant
- 26- Palm Pilot, e.g.
- 29- The greater part
- 31- Slants
- 35- Sheet music abbr.
- 36- Follow, as advice
- 38- Jacket material
- 39- Freeway access
- 41- Distinguishing characteristic
- 43- Travel on water
- 44- Pen's inferior, they say
- 46- Adjust, modify
- 48- Half of D
- 49- Implant deeply
- 51- Gillette brand

## 52- Aliens for short

52- Axioms, for short  
53- Director Ephron  
55- Tibetan oxen  
57- Shame  
61- Cared for  
65- Winglike parts  
66- Shorthand taker  
68- Alleviate  
69- Orange cover  
70- Artist Rousseau  
71- Commedia  
dell'  
72- Bit  
73- Group of two  
74- Sack starter

### 15-Threadv

20- First name in country  
22- Electric fish  
24- Extreme  
26- Analyze a sentence  
27- Haggard  
28- Defense covering  
30- Australian marsupial  
32- Freedom from war  
33- Decree  
34- Vends  
37- Gritty intro  
40- Like a fork or antlers  
42- Resembling a monster  
45- Entrance  
47- Leaf tool  
50- Rubbish  
54- Behaved  
56- Move stealthily  
57- Move suddenly  
58- Bones found in the hip  
59- Quartz grains  
60- Start of a counting rhyme  
62- Mend with rows of stitches  
63- This, in Tijuana  
64- Abstruse  
67- Heston's org.

## DOWN

- 1- Netman Nastase.
- 2- Pertaining to the Isle of Man
- 3- Broadcasts
- 4- Crawl
- 5- Educate
- 6- Best
- 7- Collar fastener
- 8- Hand woven wall hanging
- 9- Taboo
- 10- Cube creator Rubik
- 11- Writing table
- 14- Adlai's running mate

# Sudoku

## Easy

		1	3	7			8	5
		3	8		1		7	
2			5				3	1
	4			8				9
			6		9			
7				5			6	
6	7				5			2
	5		9		8	1		
9	1			3	7	8		

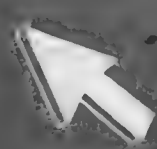
## Hard

							2	
	1	6	5	4				
		9	8		3	5		
3	8							
			9		7			
							4	6
		1	7		2	8		
				9	5	7	3	
	9							



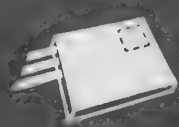


# High prices paid for used textbooks



**click**

Go to [amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)



**ship**

Send us your used textbooks  
at no cost to you



**spend**

Millions of items to choose  
from at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

[amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)

Buyback titles are purchased by a third party merchant



# Catamount lacrosse collapses in third

By Donny O'Neill  
Staff Writer

The April 20 lacrosse game between Vermont and Dartmouth was truly a tale of two halves. The Big Green picked up the win by a score of 18-13, improving their record to 4-6. Vermont fell to 3-10 overall with the defeat.

Both teams came out aggressive and traded goals early in the opening quarter, but that would be as close as the Catamounts would get for the rest of the game. Dartmouth senior Ari Sussman scored consecutive goals to give the Big Green a two-goal advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter provided a large amount of offense, with both teams tallying five goals. Drew Philie registered three goals and an assist in the period and Rory O'Connor scored a late goal to keep the score close at 8-6 going into the half.

For Vermont, this was the closest it would be for the rest of the game. Dartmouth came roaring out of the half and scored six goals in the period and were able to hold the Cats to just one. That goal scored by A.J. Masson would be the last Vermont would have for an extended period of time, as the Big Green was able to hold



**DAN EVANKO** | The Vermont Cynic  
First year midfielder Augie Remien dodges a Dartmouth defenseman as junior midfielder Kyle Sminkey watches on April 20. UVM lost the high-scoring game 18-13.

them scoreless from the 13:09 mark in the third quarter until the 9:55 mark of the fourth. Dartmouth had scored eight consecutive goals and the score stood at 17-7.

The Cats tried desperately to scratch and claw their way back into the game, but even a strong fourth quarter, in which they outscored Dartmouth 6-4, was not enough. Vermont's fourth

quarter run was highlighted by a play where, recently subbed in as goalie, Alex Plavnor stopped a Dartmouth shot and proceeded to run through their defense on his way to a goal.

The atmosphere following the game was not a happy one for the Catamounts, but they will have a chance at redemption with a home game against UMBC on April 24 at 12 p.m.

## Tebow-mania... please, give it a rest



By Will Andreyckak  
Asst. Sports Editor

On the first night of the 2010 NFL draft, the millions who watched saw the Denver Broncos trade up to snag the 25th pick to select none other than Tim Tebow.

Ninety-nine percent of people watching stood up and applauded Tebow while they expressed feelings of admiration and happiness.

I, however, fell into the other one percent of the population who, instead of gushing over the Florida Gator's Heisman winner, thought to myself "what a dumb [expletive] pick."

What absolutely astounds me is that at the end of the collegiate football season last

year, Tebow was projected to be a late second, early third round pick.

Since that time, Tebow's draft stock has increased with each passing day, and it has only done so because of the media.

Never in my life have I seen the attention a player gets in the media result in that player being drafted rounds earlier than he should be.

After completing one of the greatest careers in college football — 88 passing touchdowns, 57 rushing touchdowns, two national championships and a Heisman trophy — many believed that Tebow would not be able to play the quarterback position in the NFL due to his poor throwing mechanics, lack of experience in a pro-style offense and poor decision-making.

Now, like in college, it appears that everyone is rooting for Tebow. People want to see the perfect athlete/perfect person combination — so rare in the world of professional athletics — succeed on the biggest stage of sport.

For many, the admiration for Tebow goes well beyond appreciation of his athletic

ability. In the last several years, "Tebow-mania" has taken hold of the country and he has been elevated to mythical status.

During his college years, announcers would often drool over Tebow's football ability and, most of all, his character, as the bias for Tebow was evident in every broadcast that Florida was a part of.

**The support for Tebow in the media and around the country at times can be sickening.**

The golden-boy-glow that surrounded Tebow was created by the media, and it was done so purely to create an icon of college sports that everyone could root for. It seemed ESPN was the Tim Tebow network at times, with anchor after anchor oozing accolades for the Florida quarterback.

Many experts truly believe

that Tebow will succeed. Recently, John Gruden, ESPN football analyst and former NFL coach, worked out Tebow for an ESPN pre-draft segment. After the workout, Gruden had this to say about Tebow:

"He's the strongest human being who's ever played the position. Ever. He will kick the living [expletive] out of a defensive lineman. He'll fight anybody. He is rare. Tebow is the kind of guy who could revolutionize the game. This guy here is 250 pounds of concrete cyanide, man. And he can throw. He throws well enough at any level to play quarterback."

In other words, Gruden believes that Tebow is the second coming of Jesus Christ himself.

I mean honestly, the support for Tebow in the media and around the country at times can be sickening. I understand the public rallying behind a clean, pure, well-spoken athlete in a world where athletes are constantly committing transgressions. But in this case, the public and all those behind Tebow-mania are trying just a little too hard.

The worst part about Tebow-

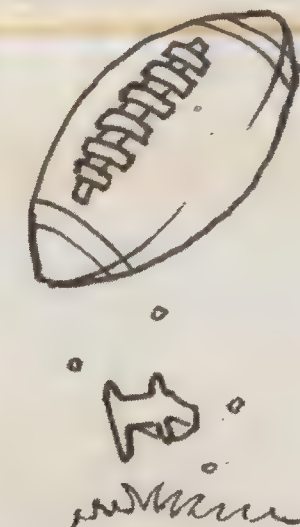


Photo illustration by Andrew Becker

mania is that it isn't even the guy's fault. Ninety-nine percent of the world drools over him, yet all he did was work hard, be well-spoken and play great football. The media took it from there and made Tebow into a god-like figure in the world of sports.

It may come off that I personally have something against Tim Tebow. On the contrary, the case is quite the opposite. I am wholeheartedly rooting for Tebow to succeed in the NFL and would love nothing more for him to shut me up. The purpose of this column is not to slam Tebow, it is to slam ESPN and all the mindless disciples who kneel at his feet.

LAST WEEK

### Men's lacrosse

Vermont 13, Hartford 6

First year Drew Philie scored six goals and junior Derek Lichtfuss notched four goals.

### Women's lacrosse

Vermont 8, California 17

Senior Sara Buxton recorded two goals for Vermont. Lara Barber made a total of 10 saves for Vermont.

### Men's lacrosse

Vermont 13, Dartmouth 18

Juniors Derek Lichtfuss, Kyle Sminkey and Liam Thomas each scored a goal. Sophomores Rory O'Connor, Tom Frasca, Alex Plavnor and Geoff Worley each tallied a goal and first year A.J. Massion recorded a goal as well.

THIS WEEK

### Saturday

5/1

Track and Field: American East Championships @ New Hampshire 10 a.m.

Women's lacrosse vs. New Hampshire 10 a.m.

Men's lacrosse @ Stony Brook 1 p.m.

### Sunday

5/2

Track and Field: American East Championships @ New Hampshire 9 a.m.



## To trump adversity

By Will Andreycaak  
Sports Editor

The Vermont men's basketball team had a historic season last year. They posted a record of 25-10, won the America East conference tournament and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

It was a season that captured moments of all emotions, ranging from bitter defeat to monumental victory and most of all, triumph in the face of terrible adversity.

For the Catamounts, no one came to know the meaning of adversity more than Evan Fjeld.

Fjeld, a junior forward, was stricken with tragedy at the end of the season. In the days leading up to the championship game of the America East conference tournament, Fjeld's mother passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

It was an earth-shattering blow to Fjeld and saddened the University, the basketball program and the Burlington community.

"My teammates and coaches made it possible to get through that time. That week gave me the opportunity to escape from what I was going through just a little bit and hopefully I was able to give just a little escape to my dad and family at home," Fjeld said.

Despite the tragedy, Fjeld and the Catamounts were able

to defeat Boston University in the championship game and following the game, which was being telecast on ESPN2, Fjeld embraced his father in an incredibly touching moment.

"I think Evan handled the situation better than anyone at his age could have handled it, and I am very proud of him," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "It was a week I will never forget and not just because we won the championship."

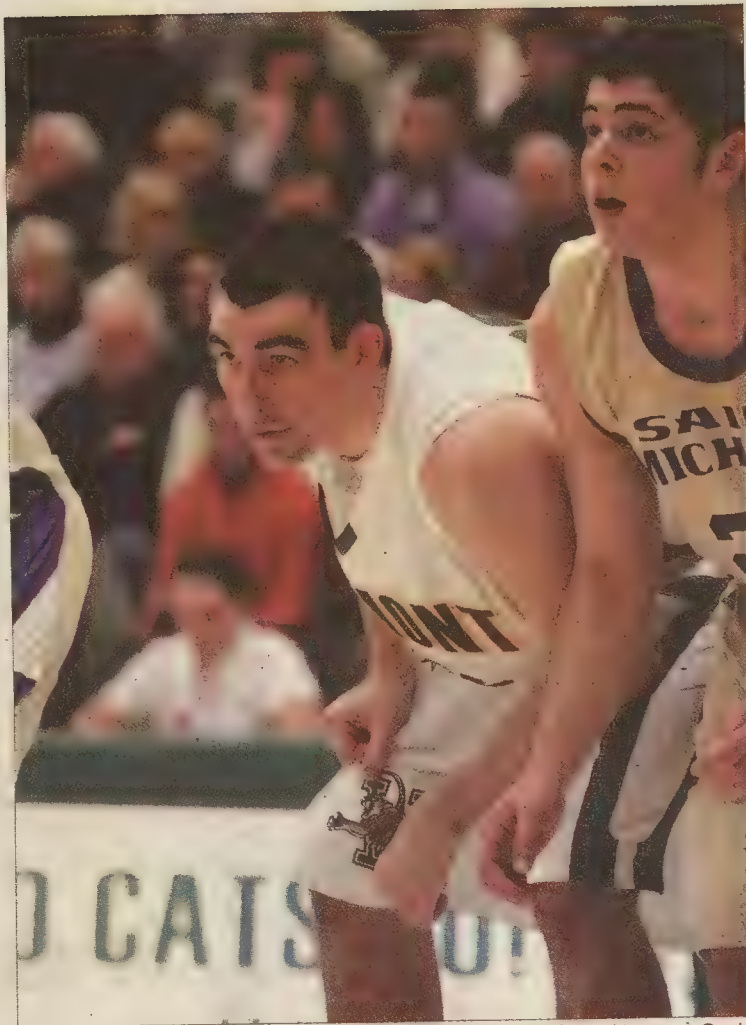
"It made me realize why I am truly blessed to coach at Vermont and get to work with such outstanding, high-quality student athletes," Lonergan said. "I consider our players and staff a close-knit group that I often refer to as 'The Vermont Basketball Family', and that was proven to be true this season."

The bid to the NCAA tournament was the fourth in school's history and the first since 2005.

The tournament appearance drives the UVM program to continue its success and reach the NCAA tournament again next year.

If a repeat NCAA tournament bid is to come to fruition, Fjeld will need to step up as the program's leader.

"As a senior my teammates are going to look up to me to set the tone," Fjeld said. "We need to have a great offseason, as well as work hard every single day in



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic  
Junior Evan Fjeld jostles for position against St. Michael's College.

practice, in order to reach our goals, and it is on me to ensure that this happens."

"Over the summer I need to keep getting stronger in the weight room as well as just continue to work on becoming

a complete player," Fjeld said. "Players are made between April and September, so I need to be in the gym everyday in order to become the best player I can be."

### Sports Column

## The good, the bad and downright awful

By Will Andreycaak  
Sports Editor

The 2009-2010 school year at UVM has been one of mixed success. In other words, we were pretty much terrible except for a few bright spots, mainly basketball and hockey.

Both the men's and women's basketball and hockey teams saw tremendous success this season.

Marqus Blakely and Evan Fjeld lead UVM to an NCAA tournament game against Syracuse, which was preceded by one of the most memorable games in school history in the form of the America East championship game.

The women's basketball team had a miraculous and unforgettable season.

They dominated regular season play and earned a No. 10 seed in the NCAA tournament before completing an upset over Wisconsin in the first round.

The women's hockey team, while not even close to being on par with the men's team, saw improvement and the hopes for continuous development are high.

And finally, the men's hockey team, while underachieving overall, had another season that continued to establish UVM as a premier hockey program in Division 1.

Based on this success, you would think that UVM athletics had a banner year. Three teams making Division 1 postseason tournaments is a feat that is monumentally impressive for a school like UVM.

But then there was both men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse and the field hockey team.

The five teams combined for a dismal 10-61 record over the course of the year, with women's and men's soccer and field hockey contributing only one victory apiece.

To have your men's and women's soccer teams, the premier teams in the fall season, combine for two wins? That is something that has to be improved upon in the coming years if UVM wants to come anywhere close to being an established school of athletic success.

I suppose it could be worse. Imagine if we have a down year in which both basketball and hockey struggle.

The thought of such a situation is a daunting one for an athletic program that is hanging on to national credibility by a thin and deteriorating thread.

## New recruits set to join women's soccer program

By Nikki Galle  
Staff Writer

This season, the women's soccer team struggled. They finished with a league record of 1-5-2, and didn't make the playoffs.

To make matters more difficult, the team will be losing three key seniors for next season. The three graduating seniors are midfielders Rachel Andres and Carson Laderoute, and goalkeeper Eliza Bradley.

Although the team didn't have the season they hoped for, the outlook for the 2010 fall season is a positive one.

"The 2010 class will add depth in key positions lost by graduation," head coach Kwame Lloyd said.

The seven recruits come to Vermont from many places. Among them will be Vermonter Kylie deGroot.

"Kylie is a defensive midfielder with the knack of being in the right place at the right time and is very opportunistic on offensive set pieces," Lloyd said.

Other newcomers Alexa DeMaio, Madeline Jackson



BRYANT HUGHES | The Vermont Cynic  
Junior Jessica Becker fights up the field against Maine.

and Sarah Leiby all hail from Pennsylvania.

"Alexa will compete at outside back for us. She is an aggressive defender and with her skill she can be a threat from 35 yards out," Lloyd said.

"Madeline is a relentless defender in one-on-one situations and we are excited she is joining our program," Lloyd said.

"Sarah is extremely coachable and brings a great attitude, plus good athleticism and hands with her 5' 10" frame," Lloyd said.

"She has high expectations for herself and will push her teammates to create a healthy competition for the goalkeeping position."

Haley Marks joins the team from New York, Ellie

Mills comes from Virginia and Morgan Nichols travels cross-country from California.

"Haley's versatility has allowed her to be a scoring threat from nearly any position for both her club and high school teams," Lloyd said. "With her technical ability, athleticism and the ability to be tactically savvy, we expect her to have an immediate impact on our program."

"Ellie is a tireless worker at forward who will give depth to our attack. With her speed, she will be a welcomed presence in the forward line," Lloyd said.

"Morgan has the technical ability and vision of a field player, which will enable her to adapt quickly to the college game," Lloyd said. "She has the work ethic to take her game to the next level and we expect her to compete for the starting goalkeeping job."

Though the 2009 season was rough for the Catamounts, with the skill of the new recruits as well as the returning players, the outlook for next season appears to be much brighter.

## Sports Shorts

Staff Report

### Garvey Young to leave Vermont

Garvey Young has decided to leave the University of Vermont basketball program and pursue other opportunities at different institutions. The reason for leaving has not yet been established. Young was named to the All-America East defensive team this past season.

### Women's lacrosse falls to No. 20 Boston University

BU defeated Vermont 19-8, behind five points from Traci Landi. Junior Megan MacDonald led the Catamounts with a hat trick and an assist for four points. She became the ninth UVM player to reach the 100-point milestone.

### In regular season finale, Vermont falls to No. 8 Stony Brook

Stony Brook jumped out to a 6-0 lead to start the game and Vermont was not able to come back, losing 16-10, in men's lacrosse on May 1. Junior Derrick Lichtfuss scored three goals and added an assist for the Catamounts.





**QUICK OPINIONS**  
Our columnists weigh in for the last issue

**NAKED BIKE RIDE**  
A brief look at how a UVM tradition was born

**MSTRKRFT ROCKS THE CBW GREEN**  
Ingrid Michaelson, Theophilus London and others play for UVM

# THE VERMONT CYNIC

The University of Vermont's independent voice since 1883

www.vermontcynic.com | Tuesday, May 4, 2010 - Volume 126 Issue 28 | Burlington, Vermont

## START stops underage drinking

Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team cites more than 90 with underage drinking violations

By Patrick Dowd  
Senior Staff Writer

The Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team (START) had a busy Saturday night in Burlington.

When the Burlington Police called START on April 24, 93 were people ticketed and five were arrested, all related to underage drinking violations.

"START is a state-funded program," Shelburne Police Sergeant Allen Fortin said, "We go out and look for underage kids drinking."

That Saturday, officers from departments around the county were called into several locations in Burlington for START patrol, he said.

"I was at a party when the police knocked on the door at 3 a.m. ... they had a warrant" sophomore Henry Kellogg said, "People were jumping out of windows and running upstairs."

START breathalyzed every minor. Those found drinking either received a \$150 fine or were summoned to a Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP) with a possible \$300 noncompliance fee, Kellogg said.

Fortin said that the penalties varied because both Burlington police and START officers were at the party.

"If START dealt with a particular individual, because we may not be from Burlington, we cannot write a local ordinance," Fortin said. "So individuals who dealt with a START officer have to go through what is called diversion, and if they do go through that the ticket is voided."

Those going through diversion either perform community service or go through some kind of rehabilitation.

Kellogg said he believes both penalties were given at the party he attended.

"Everyone I saw leaving the

see **START** page 3

## Trinity woods set ablaze

Police investigate fire and threatening note found behind Mercy Hall

Staff Report

When University officials saw a fire behind Mercy Hall on April 23, they expected that to be their only problem — until they saw a threatening note.

The note was left by the fire, which was constructed by residents and was intended to last the entire evening, an e-mail from Brian Hooks, resident director of Trinity Campus, said.

**"Threatening or harassing an individual goes against everything that we stand for as a University and community."**

Brian Hooks

Resident Director for Trinity Campus

"The note that was left behind was intentional and

specific," Assistant Director of North and Central Campuses Tomas Sanchez said. "There was a definite twist in my gut after I read it."

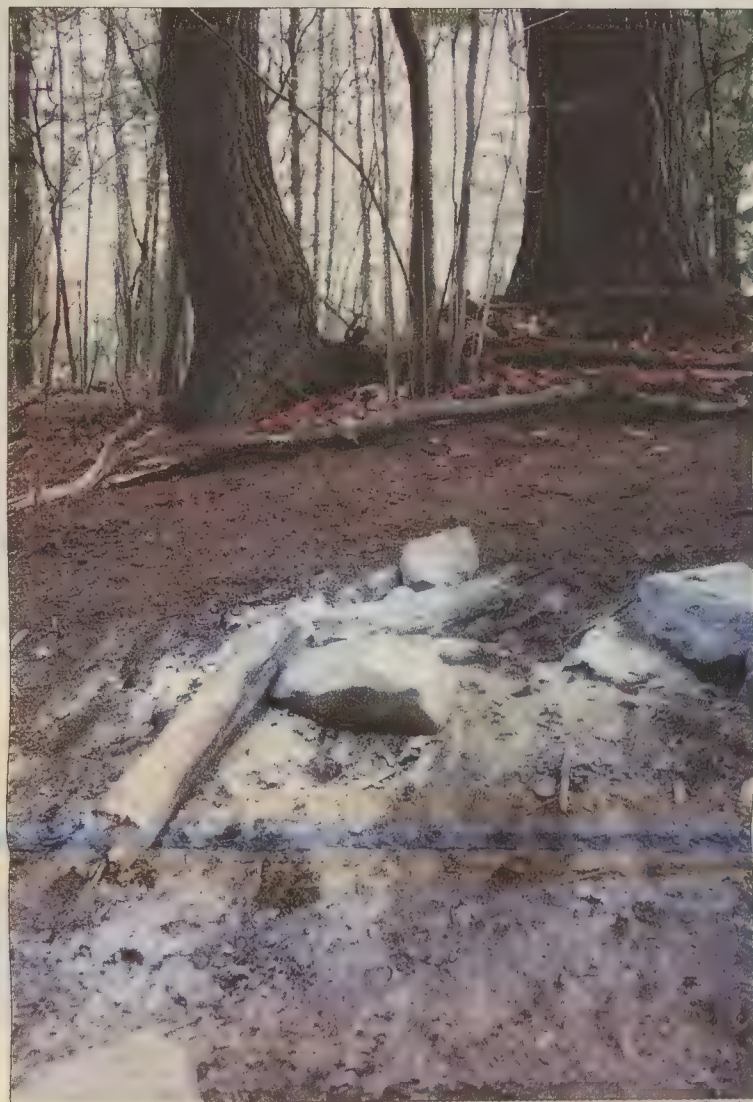
Sanchez said that he was worried for the safety of those involved because of the specificity of the note that was left.

"I understand that someone may be upset about their fire being put out, but what I am more concerned about is somebody went that extra step and wrote a very specific threatening note to a community member," he said. "Is that a community you would want to live in?"

Because it is against UVM policy to create or build a fire, this was a direct violation and the individuals responsible will go through the judicial process, Hooks said.

If it is a violation of state and or federal law, the individual may be held criminally responsible as well, he said.

"This is not the type of community that we have built," Hooks said. "Threatening or harassing an individual goes against everything that we stand for as a University and community."



ALEXA ALGIOS | The Vermont Cynic

A threatening note was left beside the fire on Trinity Campus. A direct violation of UVM policy, the individual responsible for the fire and the note will be required to go through judicial process.

## Late night shuttles could hit a red light

University and community members decide whether the late night bus is safe

By Jenna Tucker  
Staff Writer

The future of the late night weekend bus is on the rocks.

With many complaints coming from Burlington residents, a group has formed at UVM that will decide whether the weekend off-campus bus does more harm than good.

"There have been some terrible stories," SGA speaker Claire Chevrier said. "A little girl had to go to therapy when she woke up to somebody peeing on her window."

Because of these incidents, the University feels something has to be changed about the late night shuttle to discourage downtown partying.

The group making this decision consists of members of the community, members of the transportation department, ResLife, Burlington police department and bus drivers.

"The information we get from bus drivers and students themselves is that people tend to use the bus not to go downtown to eat or go to a movie, but to try and find a party," William Ballard, associate vice president of administrative and facilities services, said.

There are no plans currently being put into effect, Ballard said.

"I think we are trying to understand what would be the best solution in the long run," he said. "We've had an issue for several years. We've tried various options, such as adding security to the bus and at some bus stops."

One of the proposals in the fall was to only transport students back to the dorms from downtown and not take anyone downtown after 10 o'clock, Ballard said.

"We agreed to eliminate one street on the route, where a neighbor had been particularly



HARRISON BIGLER | The Vermont Cynic

Due to many complaints from the residents of Burlington, the University and community members try to decide whether the off-campus bus does more harm than good.

vocal," he said. "We're trying everything we can to make sure that late-night service is safe."

Chevrier said she is concerned for the safety of both the students and the downtown residents, as

well as that of the bus drivers.

"It's a safety problem for those who are on the bus, [even] those who aren't intoxicated, and it's a really big problem for the

see **BUS** page 3



# Greek chapters urge smokers to butt out

By Katelyn Mohen  
Staff Writer

Greek Life and Burlington community members are teaming up to stomp out butts.

President of Pi Beta Phi Phu Lam created a program encouraging chapters to start campaigns targeting the dangers of smoking.

"It's meant to bring awareness to social smoking and the negative impacts it has on your health, and how the media perpetuated the image that smoking is cool," Lam said.

The campaigns' advertisements created by different chapters at UVM are currently being presented in the display cases on the second floor of the Davis Center, she said.

Both UVM Greek Life and the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community have joined together through this program to raise awareness about the level of smoking within the Greek chapters and throughout the student body.

President of the Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Association Laurence C. Jost said that he had noticed an increase in the number of smokers within AGR, and sought the Burlington Partnership for an allied effort at changing the trend.

"[Jost] contacted us two years ago, and that is when we had our first collaboration," Patti Gannon, Event Planner and Administrator for the Burlington Partnership



KATIE CASSIDY | The Vermont Cynic

Greek Life and members of the Burlington community are teaming up in efforts to bring more awareness to the negative effects of social smoking.

for a Healthy Community, said.

"Since then, we have had a seminar program every fall and spring for members of the Greek community to try and raise awareness within the chapters

about the dangers of smoking," she said. "College kids need to realize that they are not immune to it just because they are young and healthy; this can be a lifetime habit."

## Hate is on the rise in dorms

By Patrick Dowd  
Senior Staff Writer

As finals week approaches, some students may be finding it hard to study when they're afraid to be in their rooms.

Incidents of targeting, bias and hate are a rising cause for concern in residence halls across campus.

"There have been particular incidents where residents have felt uncomfortable in their own rooms because of what's been written on their door," Residence Director of University Heights South Virginia Olin said. "These halls are people's home, and people should feel safe in their own home."

Hate manifests itself in many forms, including derogatory language, images and language written on white boards, destruction of property and physical assaults.

"Even if it's intended to be a joke," Olin said, "it makes some people uncomfortable and creates a climate where hate is possible."

Drawings of male genitals on white boards are among the most common incidents, Residence Director of University Heights North Todd Porter said.

"What does this say about male dominance?" Porter said. "It's normalizing a dominant society, in a bad way, by setting a standard that this is OK."

The worry is that these incidents have become such a common practice that people aren't recognizing the damage it does to our sense of community and belonging.

"We're building walls in our community that really hurt us because we aren't able to connect with each other," Olin said.

While incidents generally are not targeting any particular individuals, the prevalence indicates a much bigger problem, not just at UVM, but also in our culture's overall insensitivity toward others, Olin said.

"The cumulative impact of this is that you feel unwelcome and not valued within this community," Assistant Director of Athletic Campus and member of the Anti-Bias Task Force Christina Olstad said.

**"These halls are people's homes, and people should feel safe in their own home."**

Virginia Olin  
Residence Director of  
University Heights South

One way UVM is combating this problem is with the Anti-Bias Task Force, a committee that examines and brings awareness to the ways hate and bias effect our community, and looks for ways to make people take ownership for their actions.

"All students, faculty and staff need to speak up when they hear or see bias and hate in our community," Olstad said. "We all play a role in creating our climate and we all need to have ownership in creating safe inclusive communities."

Olin said she believes the fact that people don't care is a serious problem.

"The people who do this are not willing to acknowledge that it isn't a harmless joke," she said. "Actually it is very insensitive and insulting to many people."

## Drought ends for The Water Tower

Alternative student news mag moves beyond breaking even

By Lauren Katz  
Cynic Correspondent

After struggling with finances and readership in the past, alternative news magazine *The Water Tower* is coming out ahead.

"The future has always been questionable until now," senior Max Bookman, editor-in-chief of *The Water Tower*, said.

This is the first year that *The Water Tower* has come out with a profit, which will translate into increased circulation, Bookman said.

"*The Water Tower* started the year with negative \$213.67," SGA treasurer Hannah LeMieux said.

The club's total recognized revenue for the year is \$2,362.50, which LeMieux said was raised on their own and generated mostly from advertising.

The club has been given almost \$3,000 more than last year, she said.

*The Water Tower* was given about \$8,000 in the beginning of fall 2009. As of March 19 the club still has slightly over \$500, LeMieux said.

"What they've spent is just what they need to survive," she said.

The SGA does a good job of growing with clubs who are moving in a positive direction, especially when clubs pull themselves out of a rough financial situation, LeMieux said.

"It's important that we trust their leadership and feel like they have a good head on their shoulders," she said. "*The Water Tower* really makes the effort to get what they need."

The debt started from poor handling of the paper from the beginning and the lack of the founders' focus was the main issue, Bookman said.

"They really had no extensive vision," he said. "They just spent the money."

Bookman said that when he inherited the paper as a sophomore, all he had was the original concept and a basic structure.

"It was like starting from scratch," he said. "We had no writers."

Like the finances, student involvement with *The Water Tower* is stronger than ever because of talented writers and leaders, Bookman said.

"We pride ourselves in being completely student-run," he said.

# High prices paid for used textbooks



## click

Go to [amazon.com/buyback](http://amazon.com/buyback)



## ship

Send us your used textbooks  
at no cost to you



## spend

Millions of items to choose  
from at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

# amazon.com/buyback

Buyback titles are purchased by a third party merchant



# Student Success Center may hike student fees by \$100

## Plans arise for a new health care center

By Katie Renda  
Staff Writer

A proposal for a new health care center could mean construction on Athletic Campus.

President Fogel's envisioned "Student Success Center," a new Center for Health and Wellbeing (CHWB) that would include general student care, the women's health center, athletic medicine and physiological services, Kate Ash, former vice president of SGA, said.

Ash said that she is frustrated because building a new CHWB would create a \$100 increase to the current fee that students pay for the current CHWB.

The current student health fee is \$544 and next year, it's expected to rise to \$570.

If the new CHWB were built, the \$100 would make the fee \$670 whether you have student insurance or not, Ash said.

Although fees would increase for students, a new CHWB is a necessity because the current medical center has simply run out of space, Jon Porter, director of the CHWB, said.

"In our current medical area we are busting at the seam," Porter said. "We don't have

extra rooms at this point to see patients. Even if I wanted to add another medical clinician, I just wouldn't have room for them — we've grown out of our space."

A new center would also tighten communication among all of the services because CHWB services are currently located in eight different sites, Porter said.

**"Is this center being created purely out of need or is this something being done out of prestige or wanting recognition for a new lead building for a diverse, vibrant, healthy student body?"**

Kate Ash

Former Vice President of

SGA

"It's really a quality issue over time," Porter said. "Students have more significant needs, and

from our vantage point we want to make sure that we take the best care of them possible."

This is not the first time a proposal for a new CHWB has been brought up.

In 1998 and in 2004, SGA proposed a resolution for a new CHWB but it didn't pass, Ash said.

"The tipping point here is how are we measuring the quality of the services that are already being provided to us?" Ash said. "If not, how do we have the justification for improving them? What exactly are our priorities?"

As of now, the board is reviewing the proposal.

"In terms of priorities and being realistic, it's a tough financial environment to really make this go," Porter said.

The new CHWB would be approximately \$13.8 million, Ash said.

Ash said that she is primarily concerned about why the University wants this new building.

"Is this center being created purely out of need or is this something being done out of prestige or wanting recognition for a new lead building for a diverse, vibrant, healthy student body?" she said.

# Primary elections bumped

## Changes may hurt student voter numbers

By Alisa Todd  
Cynic Correspondent

Students may miss an opportunity to vote this summer.

The primary elections were pushed forward from the middle of September to Aug. 24 and students not living in Vermont this summer will have to get absentee ballots, State Representative Keshia Ram said. The election was moved to meet with a federal law that requires ballots to be on their way to soldiers 45 days before the November election, an article in the *Burlington Free Press* stated.

With the primaries set in mid-September officials would not be able to get the results, put the right names on the ballots, and send them overseas in time to meet the 45-day deadline according to the *Burlington Free Press*.

As a result of the change, some say that they are concerned students will not remember to vote in the elections.

"Whether or not they vote absentee, it is vital they know the primary will take place before school starts, because the reminder to vote usually comes from Student Life, the SGA, and political groups on campus," Ram said. "Students will not receive an advance reminder like they would if the primary

remained in mid-September."

People between the ages of 18-25 make up more than half of the registered voters in Districts 3-4 of Burlington, she said.

Some students living out of state say that having to register as an absentee voter and fill out an absentee ballot would be too much work and discourage them from voting.

"I wouldn't go out of my way to get an absentee ballot," sophomore Katie Hughes said. "It's not one of my top priorities."

Other students say that despite inconveniences, having the primary moved forward is not going to influence whether or not they vote.

"Voting is important to me and filling out the absentee ballot isn't difficult so I am going to vote either way," sophomore Megan Long said.

Voting is important because it gives students a chance to have their opinions heard, Ram said.

"The more young people and students that participate in the primary, the greater their voices will be heard in the general election and the political process overall," she said. "My hope is that UVM students harness their power through political engagement and ensure the candidates in the general election are listening to them."

# Local foods become more accessible to UVM students

By Caroline Galigari  
Cynic Correspondent

This coming fall, for \$15-20 a week, students will be able to get food from local farms delivered to them on campus.

The service will be provided by the Intervale Food Hub, a nonprofit organization in Burlington that has developed a system where 23 farms work together to provide a variety of crops, graduate student Faye Conte said.

This system is called Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), Conte said.

"The Intervale Center will extend this program to students starting next year, delivering baskets to campus on a weekly basis," Conte said.

The program will run from Sept. 6 to Dec. 6, following the school's semester schedule, Brianna Farver, an Intervale Food Hub coordinator, said.

Students have the choice between two food basket options. The first is the Basic Student Share, which costs \$225 and consists of a variety of vegetables, fruit and cider and could feed one or two students, Farver said.

The second option is a Deluxe Student Share, which costs \$300 and is the same as the Basic Student Share, with other items such as eggs, maple syrup and pesto, she said.

"Students will pay the Intervale Food Hub up front, but costs will end up equaling out to about \$15-20 a week for food," Conte said.

Research shows that the Intervale Center's multi-farm collaboration is a successful way to connect consumers and producers in a convenient, profitable manner, Conte said.

"Our goal is to return a fair price to the farmers," Farver said. "In joining a CSA, you're deciding at the beginning of the season that you're going to support the farmers by giving them the money up front."

The farmer receives 70 percent of every dollar paid for a CSA share. Since this money is paid up front, the farmer can use it to run the farm, she said.

"Almost all of the farmers are certified organic, and a couple are still working on getting certified, but still practice organic agriculture," Farver said.

The Intervale Center's CSA

is unique because it involves 23 farms rather than just one. Although having 23 farms requires more coordination, there are many benefits, Conte said.

Having multiple farms allows room for difficult growing seasons, without the effects felt by end consumers, she said.

It also allows farmers to specialize in certain crops, rather than trying to satisfy consumers with a variety, Conte said.

**"Students will pay the Intervale Food Hub up front, but costs will end up equaling out to about \$15-20 a week for food,"**

Faye Conte

Graduate student

With the current format, the CSA can offer a diversified high quality product mix from different producers, she said.

"The program is becoming



**BAILEY CUMMINGS** | The Vermont Cynic  
This fall, UVM students will be able to have a basket of fresh food delivered to them on campus as part of a new system set up by 23 local farms. Students will have the option of two basket choices.

more profitable each year, it isn't self-sustaining yet though because it has to support overhead costs," Conte said.

The primary overhead cost is employing a coordinator. The coordinator acts as a liaison between farmers and consumers by delivering the food baskets, and making sure that there are no product overlaps and that each farmer is treated equally, Conte

said.

"The goal is for this to become a farmer-owned cooperative, but right now a portion of it is still grant-funded by the Intervale Center," Farver said.

Students who are interested must sign up for a CSA share by May 31.

Registration is available on the Intervale Food Hub's website, [www.IntervaleFoodHub.com](http://www.IntervaleFoodHub.com).

# START | Underage drinking citations

...continued from page 1

party — maybe 30, 40 people — got either a paper or a fine," Kellogg said. "People were on the curb crying because they knew they were going to the drunk tank — the whole thing took nearly two hours."

START's intention is to reduce minors' access to alcohol, reduce highway fatalities, reduce drinking parties and reduce adults' sanctioning of underage drinking, according to the website.

"On [April] 24 we were in Burlington because [the Burlington Police Department] asked us to come out and help," Fortin said. "Normally what happens is Burlington gets called to a huge party and they can't handle it because there are too many kids there, so they call START."

This year's Chittenden County START grant was \$30,000, and was issued by the Vermont Department of Health, Williston Police Financial Director Susan Lamb said.

# BUS | Proposed changes for late night student bus service

...continued from page 1

bus driver," she said.

Chevrier started an organization called "The Neighborhood Noise Task Force" that will serve as a way to link downtown residents to the University and encourage respectful behavior from the students.

"We're doing a bus audit next weekend," she said. "We're not looking to get anyone in trouble, we're just there to collect data to see whether or not the majority of

students are drinking."

If the data results come in negatively there is a chance that the late night bus schedule could change severely, Ballard said.

"A change in behavior would be extremely important to see if we are going to keep the late night shuttle on a long-term basis," he said. "Nobody is looking to take the service away from students, but we're looking to ensure that everyone is safe."

Senior Michael Glynn said that he is against the discontinuation of the late night

shuttle.

"More kids may use the bus to go downtown, however there are still kids that use it to get to and back from the library," said Glynn. "Taking that option away is ridiculous."

Students deserve to be able to interact with downtown Burlington, he said.

"I'm not condoning illegal behavior, but if the University is not going to allow students [of age] to drink in the dorm, they have to allow the alternative," Glynn said.



## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Hayley Johnson  
cynic@uvm.edu  
(802) 656-8482

**Managing Editor**  
Elliot Dodge deBruyn  
cynicnewsroom@gmail.com

**News**  
Natalie DiBlasio  
cynicnews@gmail.com

**Opinion**  
Jeff Ayers  
vcoped@uvm.edu

**Sports**  
Will Andreyck  
vcsports@uvm.edu

**Features**  
Katie Ida  
kida@uvm.edu

**Arts**  
Chris Leo Palermino  
cleopale@uvm.edu

**Life**  
Megan Brancaccio  
mbrancac@uvm.edu

**Layout**  
Amanda Hayward  
vermont.cynic.layout@gmail.com

**Photography**  
Kruti Kansara  
cynicphoto@gmail.com

**Copy Chief**  
Stephen Hudecek  
shudecek@uvm.edu

**Illustration**  
Andrew Becker  
cynicillustration@gmail.com

## STAFF

**Assistant Editors**  
Jason Scott (Copy) Matthew  
Kuperman (Layout)

**Page Designers**  
Emily Kokoll, Danielle Bilotto,  
Jenny Mudarri, Devin Connor

**Web Team**  
Julia Weichert, Casey  
Manning, Dan Boles, Megan  
Barros

**Senior Photographers**  
Bailey Cummings, Ellen  
Brunsgaard, Damir Alisa

**Copy Editors**  
Emily Kokoll, Julia Weichert,  
Ally Perleoni, Stephanie  
Corcoran, Lauren Katz, Ellen  
Keane

**Editorial Assistants**  
Julie Devine, Eric Le, Mia  
Payraudeau, Alexa Algios

## OPERATIONS

**Operations Manager**  
Claire Eaton  
cynicoperations@gmail.com

**Advertising Managers**  
Mike Trimble, Jon Gilman  
vcads@uvm.edu

**Business Manager**  
Kelly Macken  
cynicbusiness@gmail.com

**Distribution Manager**  
Kyle DeVivo  
kdevivo@uvm.edu

## ADVISER

**Faculty Adviser**  
Chris Evans  
crevans@uvm.edu

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## The Trinity saga ends

Everything from sinks to bodies have flown out of windows this semester on Trinity Campus.

In all reality, Trinity Campus has been marked by a slew of mishaps this year.

Over the past year, drinking, partying and general mayhem have characterized this part of campus.

Most recently, some UVM students lit a bonfire and allowed it to burn unattended across from Trinity Campus, as well as left a threatening note, punctuating the end of a raucous semester.

A bonfire sounds like fun, right?

More like potentially deadly.

We know students who live on Trinity aren't delinquent. They are just as studious as everyone else, so it makes you wonder, why has Trinity been such a hub of mischief — dangerous and sometimes malicious mischief at that?

We could argue that Trinity Campus students just happen to live a lot farther away from UVM amenities.

If you don't have much to do and the snow has made it miserable to walk very far, staying in and getting messed up in the warmth of your residence hall begins to seem much more appealing.

We could also write everything off as the antics that come with housing approximately 380 first-year students on one campus. Add to that the newfound glory and freedom that comes with living on your own for the first time, and the rest is history.

Honestly, no single reason can really be pinpointed as the ultimate cause of these problems — we know many responsible first-year students, and walking through the snow has yet to turn all Vermonters into party animals.

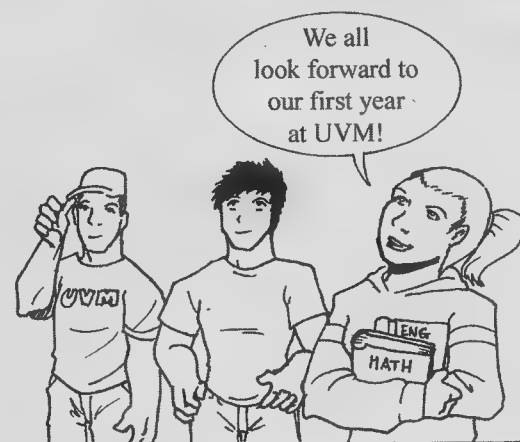
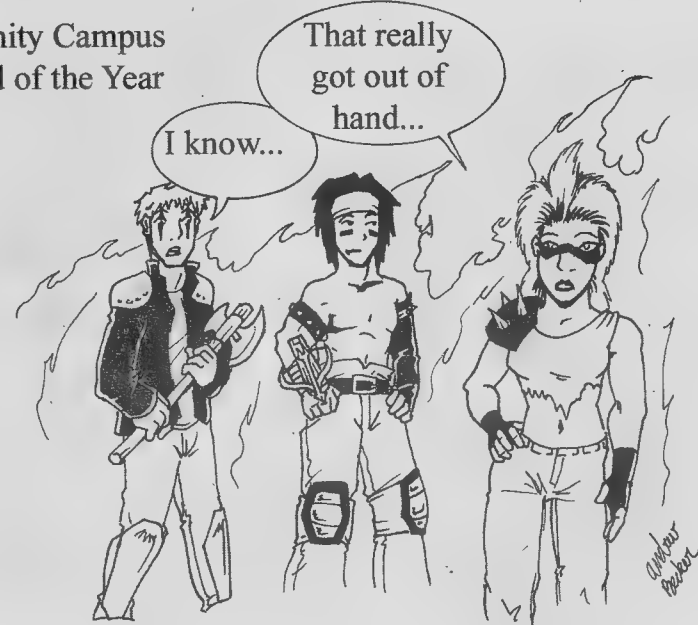
What this does tell us is that we need to be much more conscious of our actions and those of our peers.

The bonfire last weekend could have gotten out of control and burned down Centennial Woods. The threat could have become more than just words.

Dramatic statements — true — but they could have been reality.

So at the risk of sounding exactly like your mother, stay safe and watch out for one another this summer and into next semester.

For whatever reason, that did not happen this year on Trinity, but a new year is just around the corner. We still have time to change for the better.

Trinity Campus  
Beginning of the YearTrinity Campus  
End of the Year

## COLUMNISTS

## The increasing cost of not being able to afford college



ZACH DESPART

The cost to attend UVM is higher than the national average for in-state and out-of-state students at public, four-year universities, according to statistics compiled by College Board. The tuition for out-of-state students is also higher than the average tuition for four-year private institutions.

Since the class of 2010 was born, the average cost of attending a public four-year university in the United States has increased over 400 percent. In contrast, the average median income in the United States has increased just 200 percent.

In the last decade, tuition at public four-year universities has increased at an average of 4.5 percent a year, nearly twice the cost of living adjustment the Social

Security Administration calculates — an average of 2.8 percent a year in the last decade. For the 2010-11 academic year, tuition will increase 4.8 percent at UVM.

A recent article in the *Burlington Free Press* stated that the cost to attend UVM as a Vermonter has increased over 30 percent since 2001. If tuition increases by 5 percent each year for the next decade, out-of-state students will be paying more than \$67,000 to attend UVM in 2020.

From 2000-2005, the tuition at a private, four-year university increased 40 percent, while during that same time period the median household income in the United States rose just 4 percent.

So why does the cost of tuition keep increasing at such an astronomical rate? A key reason is that traditional factors that influence business don't apply to universities.

The economics of supply and demand don't work in the collegiate system. Every year, more and more students apply to colleges and universities in the United States. Though schools may

expand and admit more students, as UVM has steadily done, new colleges can't just be formed and be viable alternatives to established institutions.

Secondly, colleges don't have an incentive to keep costs down. By spending more on facilities and faculty, institutions improve their image. A higher price tag for students creates the perception that a school is elite and prestigious.

So why does the cost of  
tuition keep increasing  
at such an astronomical  
rate?

Public institutions have suffered from the recent recession, which was forced state governments who mismanaged their budgets to cut funding for education. In California, there was tuition increase of 32 percent for public universities.

As a result, the percentage of accepted students continues to fall. Sure, getting into Harvard has always been near impossible if you're not a Kennedy, but even

"safety schools" are no longer a sure thing. The admission rates at many institutions in New York's SUNY system have fallen below 40 percent, most University of California institutions admit less than half of applicants — UCLA and UC Berkeley admit less than 25 percent. UVM's admission rate has fallen to 71 percent.

According to *The New York Times*, the average college senior will graduate with a debt of \$23,200, an increase of 24 percent since 2005.

Forty years ago, you didn't need a college education to get a well-paying job. Since 1968 minimum wage has fallen and the percentage of Americans with a college degree has quadrupled, making higher education a necessity rather than a luxury.

If you consider the recent recession and subsequent government bailouts and stimulus packages to be a cost Americans cannot bear, imagine the price we will pay when citizens can no longer afford to go to college.

*Zach Despart is a junior political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"WE HAVE DOCUMENTS THAT PROVE [WASHINGTON] IS THE ROOT OF WORLD TERRORISM."**

— Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Iran, in a speech given in Tehran.

Unsigned editorials officially reflect the views of *The Cynic* and its staff. All signed opinion pieces and columns do not necessarily do so. *The Cynic* accepts letters in response to anything you see printed as well as any issues of interest in the community. Please limit letters to 350 words. Send letters to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu).

**THE VERMONT CYNIC**  
116 Dudley H. Davis Center, 590  
Main Street, Burlington Vt. 05401

[www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com)  
phone 802.656.0337  
fax 802.646.8482

**ADVERTISING**  
[vcads@uvm.edu](mailto:vcads@uvm.edu) — 802.656.4412



COLUMNISTS



MICHAEL FARLEY

# Last call

Like white on rice in a snow storm in April, I'm usually pretty good at staying on top of things.

But is it just me or has the end of this year just come and sneaked up on us like a long-forgotten dentist appointment? It's like one minute I was on skis and spreading holiday cheer and the next I'm eyeball deep in work and drowning in final papers and projects.

I guess I've been in a state of bewilderment; I've been thinking so much about the hows, whats, whys and wheres I never really took the time to figure out my whens. Now, with the third senior class I've seen come and go, I'm at a loss for words. Yep, believe it or not, kids, Farley's got nothing witty to say for a send off.

Sorry.

I've spent the last few days racking my brain, hoping a choice nugget of wit remained. With no luck, I've decided to do what I've learned to do best in college: Wing it and hope for the best!

And then one night I was driving up Pearl Street in the rain, and I couldn't help but think to myself how fast time flies and how quickly life sneaks up on you, when a biker, blinded by the rain perhaps, cuts in front of my car against a light and cruises right on by. Slamming on the brakes I took a breath and thought "Damn, he should've looked both ways."

Then the wit I had been waiting for hit me!

Everything made so much sense in that brief instant — what they say about time flying and things sneaking up on you really is true — one minute you're on top of your game and the next you're laying in the street, wishing you had looked both ways.

And that's kind of how life is.

But wait — before you roll your eyes like you've heard this a thousand and three times, just hear me out. I'm not an authority figure, I'm not some old sage full of wise advice to push on you and shove down your throat. Nope, I'm just a guy with a keyboard to use and words at his disposal.

Between binge drinking, parties, frisbee and longboarding, we were meant to do something here in college, something important. We were meant to prepare ourselves for life, the same way high school prepped us for college and so on.

But what now?

You're headed off in your little cap and gown with a plan or ready to wing it and hope for the best like me and step into the street.

Has college prepped you for the real world? Are you ready for what awaits you?

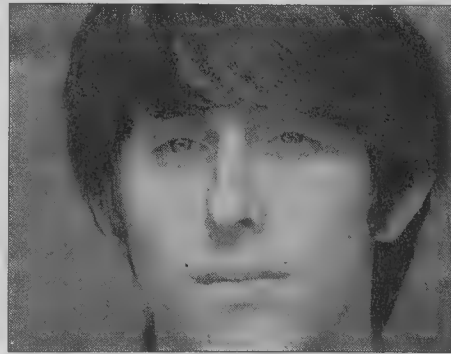
I hope it has.

But remember, all the lessons and grades and lectures and papers you wrote can prepare you for what may come, but it's what you won't expect to come that will get you.

So now it's last call, and if you haven't learned anything from me all year except how the world is a little more skewed than you thought, take just one last piece of advice from me: Don't forget to look both ways before you step out into the world. You never know who might be out there, waiting to hit you with their car.

*Michael Farley is a senior education major. He has been writing for The Cynic since spring 2008.*

# Media is overstepping its boundaries



MAX KRIEGER

Imagine working at an office where every day, millions of people judged your every decision.

You didn't inform them of your actions. It wasn't even people representing you that informed them, but people with little to no experience regarding your job and that you probably don't even know.

On top of that, they would follow you home after work and analyze your family life and every bit of your past for imperfections.

## Today, the media has no qualms about exposing every detail of a politician's life.

This is what the media puts politicians through every day.

Now, I'm not one to be soft on politicians. They often do and say ridiculous things that the nation should know about, but at some point, the media becomes downright invasive.

People wonder why political issues take so long to resolve. Why did the health care bill take so long to get through? Why are there still two wars going on?

The media has transformed itself from a once unbiased and necessary force that served as protection for the people, into a blanket of muck that slows down and

traps any useful message trying to get through.

Instead of issues of importance being analyzed and discussed, every single aspect of a politician's life is now open for questioning.

In the past, the relationship between media and politicians was one of respectful rivalry. The press covered the political issues but realized at the same time that politicians are not and will never be perfect.

The press covered the JFK administration very closely and often criticized his decisions and policies. However, they never once drew into question his extramarital affairs or his family life.

Today, the media has no qualms about exposing every detail of a politician's life.

I agree that transparency is needed for a stable democracy, and the need for free and unbiased press will never go away, but the media has gone too far.

I couldn't care less what kind of dog Obama has or if John Edwards cheated on his wife. That has absolutely nothing to do with politics.

Does not one else find it completely absurd that there are 24-hour news stations in the first place? The premise states empirically that there is news every second of every day. This is nonsense.

The point of the media is not to overwhelm the public with idiotic and useless information but to take that information and funnel it into a useful form.

Ultimately, the media has completely lost track of its original purpose. It has become biased, lazy and often reports false or unconfirmed information.

If this pattern of un-news and un-fact continues, the nation itself may be in jeopardy.

*Max Krieger is a first year political science major. He has been writing for The Cynic since fall 2009.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A view from the other side

Dear editor,

I must admit to being quite dismayed by the article in the guest column on April 13. We can all agree that Israel has a legitimate right to exist, but the reason is hardly that we always have and therefore always should support Israel, but it's because innocent families should not be displaced for the crimes of their government. But crimes they are.

Israel's barmecidic tendencies toward democracy, human rights, freedom of the press and religion and peace do little to improve the state of affairs in the region.

The supposedly democratic state of Israel banned two Arab political parties from running in the elections in 2009. Arab political parties are, in fact, effectively excluded from participating in ruling coalitions.

There are towns within Israel where it is illegal for non-Jews to buy property. There are roads in the West Bank that are off-limits to Palestinians, who are forced to spend hours sitting in crowded traffic and at arbitrary checkpoints.

Injured people have died waiting at these checkpoints in ambulances as settlers zip by on their exclusive roads.

Settlements in the West Bank are also allowed to siphon the water supplies of Palestinian villages, using this precious resource in a water-scarce region to fill their swimming pools. Call me a traditionalist, but that doesn't sound like democracy or equality.

If Ehud Olmert, former Prime Minister of Israel, were to set foot on the soil of Great Britain, he would be held accountable for war crimes committed during the Gaza war, but perhaps this war with 1,300 Palestinian casualties — compared to 13 Israeli casualties — really was self-defense.

Perhaps the same is true of Israel's use of white phosphorous during Operation Cast Lead on several civilian structures, including a school and a hospital.

But it is impossible to explain the blockade of essential goods that Israel continues to enforce on Gaza as being necessary self-defense.

Only recently has Israel allowed the importation of toilet paper and diapers into Gaza, but many arbitrary bans on important supplies remain in place: wood furniture, conditioner, tea, coffee, semolina and large quantities of milk are still banned. Building materials, fabrics, threads and needles,

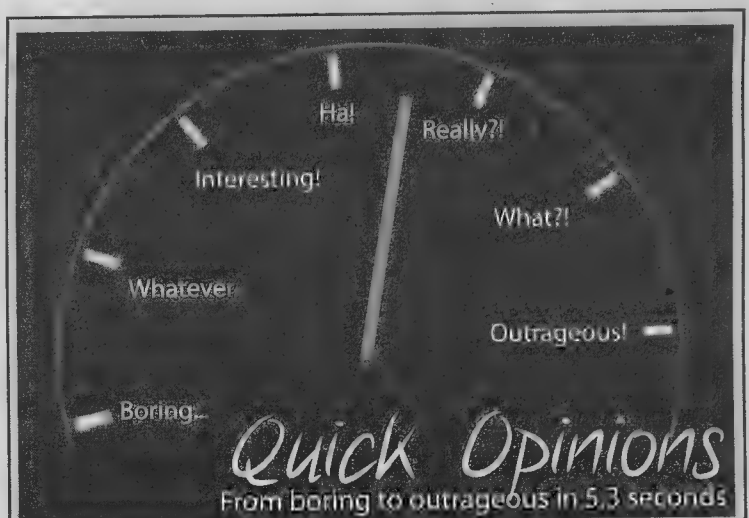
refrigerators, books, musical instruments, crayons and shoes are not allowed in.

Why aren't the residents of Gaza allowed the privilege of using conditioner or drinking tea? Why are the children of Gaza forbidden crayons, books and musical instruments? There is no justification for this blockade: These restrictions are arbitrary and capricious, they are collective punishment of innocent civilians by an occupying power. This blockade cannot possibly make the state of Israel safer — of course, that is not its goal. Its goal is the daily humiliation of millions of innocent people.

This is not something that we as Americans should support. Israel has a right to exist, but surely the innocent people of Gaza and the West Bank have the right to live their lives with dignity.

The continued Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza are human rights crises of the highest order. We must send a message to the Israeli government that we will no longer aid and abet their human rights abuses.

Sincerely,  
Sabreen Abed-Rabbo  
Class of 2012



## Despart

Oklahoma Legislature: The Constitution protects a woman's right to privacy, and that includes her right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. Requiring women to undergo an ultrasound and listen to a detailed description of the fetus, even if they are a victim of rape or incest, is appalling. You want to treat a fetus like a human being? Maybe you should start by treating the mother like one.

## Krieger

On Andrew Sullivan's blog, a reader quoted the biblical passage Leviticus 19:33-34: "When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt." I guess that part of Leviticus isn't as important as the homosexuality part. I wonder why?

## Farley

Until next year: Don't forget to breathe. I knew a guy once who forgot to breathe — it didn't end so well for him.



# 2KDEEP

BURLINGTON VT'S PREMIER  
EVENT PROMOTION & DJ COLLECTIVE

**UPCOMING  
SUMMER  
SHOWS**

7/4 :: the jersey shore  
@ The Waterfront  
Park Shelter

7/29 :: @ Club Metronome

8/19 :: @ Club Metronome

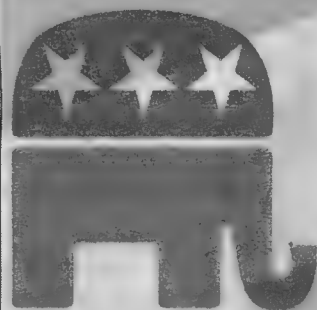
9/16 :: @ Club Metronome

FIND US ON FACEBOOK  
by searching "2K Deep"

MIXES HOSTED ON  
mixcloud.com/2kdeep

Stay up to date on all the summer ragers  
VISIT :: **2KDEEP.NET**

Street Team Positions with Benefits Available  
EMAIL :: **2KDEEP@GMAIL.COM**



As leaders of College Republicans and College Democrats, too often we stand in opposition to one another, debating and discussing party issues, but among our differences is one commonality, standing with the State of Israel.

Partisanship has become the norm in American Politics today, with divisiveness and disagreement rampant, yet the issues pertaining to the U.S.-Israel Alliance cross the aisle time and again, uniting both parties in common support for the State of Israel. Particularly in the recent months we have seen members of Congress working beyond partisanship and joining together to ensure that the Obama Administration knows and understands that Congress stands for the US-Israel relationship and wants to ensure it is upheld and continuously strengthened.

As the leaders of College Republicans and College Democrats we too are crossing the aisle and joining together to ensure that our Congressmen know that we also stand for the US-Israel relationship. Join us in this bipartisan movement and stand up for the US-Israel alliance.

It takes just a moment to ensure that your Congressman knows that you too stand for the US-Israel alliance:

It is as easy as calling their office, sending an e-mail, writing a letter, or setting up a meeting with your Congressman or a staffer.

Take the few minutes to see to it that your voice is heard.

We, the leaders of College Republicans and College Democrats stand for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, to ensure that our common values, freedom, democracy, and peace remain just as strong in the future.

Ana Dru Ellis  
President, College Republicans

Molly Campbell  
President, College Democrats





# SPARTAN RACE

CATAMOUNT  
OUTDOOR  
CENTER  
BATTLE  
OBSTACLES

AND  
SPARTANS  
BENEFITS  
ST. JUDE  
CHILDRENS  
HOSPITAL

**MAY 16th**

TYPE BURLINGTON FOR  
REGISTRATION DISCOUNT AT  
[WWW.SPARTANRACE.COM](http://WWW.SPARTANRACE.COM)





# Prioritizing priority registration

## Early sign-up creates problems rather than privilege

By Katie M. Gioia  
Senior Staff Writer

It's 6:55 a.m. when sophomore Bayan Suleiman rolls out of bed and sits in front of her computer on the morning of her scheduled class registration.

She types in her CRN numbers and watches the clock intently until it turns the magical time: 7 a.m. She clicks submit only to find that she did not get into of her desired classes.

"I don't think priority registration is fair," Suleiman said. "I feel like having it placed as a hierarchy by grade is a good enough priority."

The three main groups who are eligible for priority registration, in decreasing order, are the Honors College students, ACCESS students and athletes, Registrar Keith Williams said.

"When I got here in 2001, about 20 percent of students had priority," he said. "The number is now 24 percent. The thing that has changed [since 2001] is the growth of the Honors College."

This begs the question why only certain groups receive priority registration.

"It's not that they might have a hard time building a schedule; it's so that they can be available at the times that they need to work," Williams said. "Populations of

students that have additional constraints on building schedules have been given priority."

He said the other student populations who receive priority registration — AdvoCats and members of UVM Rescue — are so minimal that they do not have much of an impact on the registration process.

"[Athletes] tend to get the most press," Williams said. "No sport is tidy enough that it's

**"I don't think priority registration is fair. I feel like having it placed as a hierarchy by grade is good enough priority."**

just a fall sport or a spring sport anymore. At this level, you're always practicing. The athletic facilities here aren't quite as large or as modern as other schools our size, even in our conference, so it's more difficult for teams to schedule practices."

Sophomore Alex Haller, a public communications major, said he thinks it's ridiculous that almost a quarter of the school is eligible for priority registration.

"Twenty-four percent is a huge number of people to get to register early," he said.

Suleiman said her major creates registration problems.

"It is extremely hard to get into some classes, especially as a science major," she said. "Classes and labs fill up in the first few minutes of registration, leaving little to nothing for a lot of unregistered students to sign up for."

Dwight Matthews, chairperson of the chemistry department, said students with lab science majors all tend to make the same mistake.

"The key to all the chemistry courses and all the lab science courses is finding a lab time that also works," he said. "They need to structure their schedules around those labs first."

Haller was enrolled in the Honors College his first year at UVM, but decided to disenroll his sophomore year.

"When I was in the Honors College, priority registration was obviously a benefit," he said. "But now that I am no longer in the Honors College and am just a regular sophomore, it bothers me how certain students get priority over others."

Honors College students receive priority due to legal reasons, Williams said.

"The National Honors College Association actually has it in its basic bylaws outlined of what an honors college is that, typically, these students would have priority," he said. "So [the Honors College] is the only group that isn't really about building the times. I think that is very clearly a prestige thing of being in the

the University, including the Honors College, is a large factor.

"It's been growing every year," he said. "We didn't have any Honors College students, and then all of a sudden, there's this school of 400, 500, 600 people."

Because of the increasing number of students, Suleiman said she has problems with the registration system crashing.

"The system crashes when too many students are on it, so by the time you sign back on to continue registration, most of the classes you need, if not all, are filled up, and you're left with choosing between classes you don't really want or need," she said.

Williams said that the student government has been trying to encourage the administration to reexamine their reasons for giving certain students priority.

"The student government has been talking to [the Registrar's office] about priority registration concerns for about two years," he said.

Suleiman said she thinks that the rules should change.

"The main thing that needs to change is who gets priority registration and why," she said. "I don't think anyone should have it other than the graduate students because the rest of us are undergraduate students and pay the same tuition."

**Bayan Suleiman**  
*UVM sophomore*

Honors College."

Suleiman, however, disagrees with Williams's reasoning.

"Allowing freshmen to register before seniors just because they are priority is not even a logical thing to do because the senior may need a certain class in order to graduate, which they may not be able to get because it may get filled up by the priority registration students," Suleiman said. "I definitely do not think it is fair for the Honors College students to be able to register before me."

Williams said that the growing student population of

### Add/Drop Classes:

To add a class enter the 5 digit Course Reference Number (CRN) in the box below. If the class may not be dropped.

1 If you have already registered, those classes will appear in the Changes.

If you are unsure of which classes to add, click Class Search to see the full list of classes.

### Add Classes Worksheet

CRNs




Submit Changes

Class Search

Reset

RELEASE: 8.1.1

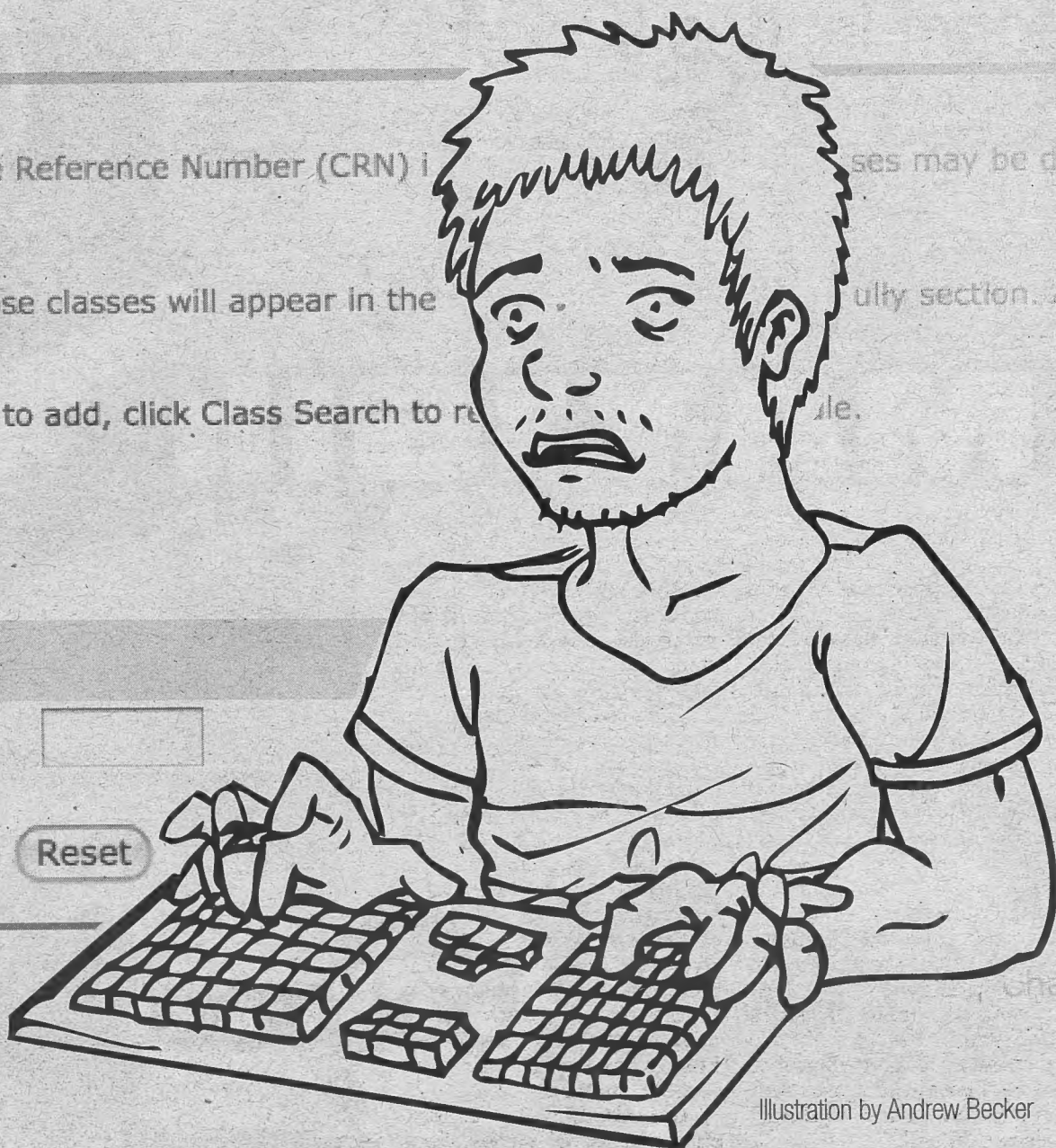


Illustration by Andrew Becker



# It's more than just a concert

By Julia Weichert  
Senior Staff Writer

It's not every day that you can crowd surf on campus.

April 24 was not just any day, however — it was the day of Springfest.

UVM Student Association Concerts has been bringing popular bands and singers to the UVM campus for the annual music festival since 2001.

While SA Concerts works hard to attract aurally appealing acts, and students discuss the merits, or lack thereof, of the musicians at length leading up to the day, Springfest is not just about the music — it's a UVM cultural event.

"I would've come to Springfest even if I didn't care about the bands playing," sophomore Tabatha Leahy said. "I think most people go for the experience. Springfest is a really fun day."

This year, 60-plus degrees of sunshine permitted Springfest to take place outside on the CBW green.

Students in T-shirts, shorts and sundresses danced in the crowd or relaxed on the grass.

Most students who attended Springfest were UVM and Burlington-area students, but some people came from much further away to attend.

"I saw student IDs from Italy," SA Concerts member Xana Raymond, who worked at the entrance to Springfest, said. "There was a whole group of students from Italy. They were

just here for the weekend."

While Springfest officially began at noon, the crowd was somewhat thin until around 3 or 4 o'clock, when headliner MSTRKRFT was expected to come on.

Still, all of the acts performed well and got a generally positive reception.

The acts leading up to MSTRKRFT were Fancy Drifters, Ila Mawana, Theophilus London and Ingrid Michaelson.

Winner of the UVM Battle of the Bands competition, the members of Fancy Drifters are all UVM students.

"It was a good experience to play a big event," Fancy Drifters member and sophomore Eric Fanning said. "I had a lot of fun doing it."

While Ingrid Michaelson, who opened for MSTRKRFT, was more acoustic compared to the rest of the artists on the bill, her style proved well for an opening act.

Michaelson's mix between folk and indie pop, complete with ukulele accompaniment, provided a nice mood for students to wander around the green and socialize with friends.

When MSTRKRFT finally took the stage in the late afternoon, the energy of the then-large crowd noticeably increased, as packed-in undergrads jumped up and down to the first beats of the two Toronto-based DJs.

MSTRKRFT played dance-



ELLIOT DODGE DEBRUYN | The Vermont Cynic  
UVM students await MSTRKRFT's set at Springfest 2010 following Ingrid Michaelson and others.

friendly beats that students enjoyed, with enthusiastic cheers and dancing, but ultimately responses to the band were mixed.

"I heard that MSTRKRFT wasn't actually that great, but I loved it," first year Andrew Lieberman said. "I don't

remember a lot to be frank."

While the techno-influenced music created an enjoyable atmosphere, some felt that the songs were kind of repetitive.

"It was a good time, but the beat was kind of just the same thing over and over," sophomore Phil Gregory said.

Some students admit that Springfest is more fun when under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

"I thought it was a great concert," first year Jared Coyne said. "I heard it's not a lot of fun if you're sober, [but] I was in the front row loving it."

## Golemboski's dark room invites trickery

By Madeleine Gibson  
Staff Writer

Dark and eerie, photos evoke a mood of mystique and curiosity for the objects they display, chalky white on black board-style etchings.

This May, Colorado-based photographer Carol Golemboski's photography exhibit, "Psychometry," is on display at the Healthy Living supermarket after a month-long stint at Pine Street Art Works.

In the series of black and white photographs, Golemboski has framed a history of found objects, brimming with existential thought.

"My initial inspiration for the series was old objects that had belonged to my family for generations," she said. "I thought they were particularly mysterious and sort of tragic in the way that they were all that was left of the people who owned them."

Rummaging through estate sales, auctions, flea markets and antique stores, the native Virginian says she keeps a working list of the things she would like to find.

However, these treasures often surprise her.

"I end up finding things that I never knew existed and then forming an idea around them," Golemboski said.

The pieces surround the gallery, curiously drawing each

viewer in to take a closer look beyond the picture, into the objects' past.

Psychometry, the name of the exhibit, is the ability to discover facts about an event or person by touching inanimate objects associated with them, according to the Oxford English Dictionary.

An intrigued Golemboski was immediately drawn to this idea.

"I'm creating a language with objects and asking anyone who views my work to read them. I also like the suggestion of psychic phenomena," she said.

The lighter images and etchings, which Golemboski manipulates in her darkroom, stand out against the black, inviting darkroom trickery.

"I almost always manipulate my images in the darkroom," Golemboski said. "I like the way a manipulated photograph can play with people's perceptions of reality."


Golemboski, who took her first photography class as a sophomore at the University of Virginia, soon realized her creative ability. Up until that point she wanted to be writer.

"I later came to realize that I make pictures in the same way I use to write creepy little short stories," she said.

Golemboski, a curious photographer of stories, does just that with "Psychometry."


STD ? HIV ?  
? CDC HPV  
? ? IUD ?

**GOT QUESTIONS?**  
**WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.**

 **Planned Parenthood**  
of Northern New England

**DON'T DO IT... WITHOUT US!**

**CLOSE TO CAMPUS**  
23 Mansfield Ave.

863-6326 | [www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org) |  [www.facebook.com/ppnne](http://www.facebook.com/ppnne)



# Medicinal mission to aid Africa

## Senior plans to spread health care to underprivileged villages

By Alexis Smith  
Cynic Correspondent

Immediately after graduating, senior Mike Ursiny will travel to Yaounde, Cameroon to join a grassroots medical team.

Some of the people he will encounter have never even seen a doctor before, but this medical team makes it possible, Ursiny said.

He and his co-workers are setting up a field clinic, pharmacy and an operating room in the middle of the jungle. "It's like surgery on a kitchen table but with as much sanitation as possible," Ursiny said.

The conditions will be

primitive but the medical team is doing their best to help these Cameroonians, he said.

This grassroots movement was started by Dr. Georges Bwelle 10 years ago. He is a native Cameroonian surgeon that pays for all the medical supplies and expenses from his own pocket.

Bwelle's philanthropic deeds inspired Ursiny to take advantage of an opportunity that he probably would never have a chance to do in America, Ursiny said.

UVM has given Ursiny the opportunity to experience the underdeveloped medical field in Africa through the Professional Development Grant.

He will be allowed to administer injections, assist in the operating room and work in the pharmacy, he said.

To perform these activities in the United States would require much more experience, but given the dire need of untreated villagers any kind of help is valued, Ursiny said.

Ursiny has interned with Dr. Peter Zvara, assistant professor of surgery in the urology division at the College of Medicine, and Dr. Katarina Zvarova in their science laboratory for the past two years.

"Mike's mission to Africa is a testament to his remarkable passion for medicine and drive

to learn and gain experience, which will ultimately help him in his quest to become a physician," Zvara said.

Ursiny has devoted much of his time to his medical ambitions.

His advisor and professor at the School of Engineering, James Iatridis, said that he is an "outstanding engineer who's had a long time interest in medicine and he will do great things and go far in life."

Iatridis has supported Ursiny's initiative and has donated to the cause.

Donations are encouraged and more information about his volunteer abroad experience can be found at his website [www.MikeUrsiny.com](http://www.MikeUrsiny.com).



# The legacy of naked bike riding at UVM

By Mary Botholomew  
Cynic Correspondent

The Naked Bike Ride has been a long-standing tradition in the UVM community, but many students are unaware of its foundations.

"Most people don't know about the history of the Naked Bike Ride, [but] it's an important story to tell," John Abbott, assistant director for outdoor programs, said. Abbott worked closely with Erica Kutcher, the woman who pioneered this celebrated occasion.

A student from Long Island who graduated from UVM in 2000, Kutcher was a very active leader in the UVM community. She was a rock climber, biker, Outing Club leader and member

of the Mountain Lions Program, a curriculum for students interested in outdoor education and leadership, Abbott said.

"One of the remarkable things about Erica was that, although she could have just independently followed her passions, she wanted to get other people involved in the outdoors," he said.

Kutcher was killed by an avalanche in July of 2005 while climbing Shipton Spire in Pakistan — a 19,700-foot scale, Abbott said.

Before this tragedy, though, Kutcher was the one to spearhead the legendary Naked Bike Ride at UVM through the Mountain Lions Program and the Outing Club in 1996.

The first ride was on the last day of classes in the fall of that

year, with only Kutcher and one other friend riding, Carrie Roy, one of Kutcher's friends from UVM, said.

**"Most people don't know about the history of the Naked Bike Ride, [but] it's an important story to tell."**

**John Abbott**  
Assistant Director for Outdoor Programs

"Each ride, we pushed the limits a bit more," Roy said. "By senior year, we were riding down Church Street."

At the time that Kutcher and her friends were doing the ride, it came as a surprise to people on campus, Abbott said. Today, most students anticipate the event with eagerness.

"Doing the Naked Bike Ride was like a dream come true," first year Gary Magill, who participated in his first Naked Bike Ride this past fall semester, said.

"The Naked Bike Ride is an end of the semester celebration, an opportunity for students to blow off steam," Director of Student Life Pat Brown said.

In the fall of 2008, though, the SGA and IRA questioned whether the Naked Bike Ride should continue because of problems brought to their attention, Brown said.

"When the event started it was managed by the Mountain Lions Program," he said. "It was an owned event and problems didn't really exist. When the program ended, there were issues with women being harassed and assaulted."

Student involvement has helped make the event safe again and allowed it to continue. Now that University students volunteer with the event, it has become much more secure, Brown said.

The Naked Bike Ride continues to be a tradition that brings students together, while honoring the life and achievements of the woman who started it all.

## UVM is a 2010 Peace Corps Top College!

Learn more at our Information Session  
**Monday, May 10**  
**2:00 PM**  
Morrill Hall  
Dean's Conference Room  
University of Vermont



Life is calling. How far will you go?

# Peace Corps

[www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) 800.424.8580

## Senior Bucket List

By Elizabeth Bruner  
Staff Writer

Graduation is nigh and as seniors, we have so much to do in the next few weeks: study for exams, order caps and gowns, figure out post-grad plans and drink excessively with our friends one last time.

Here are some of the things my fellow members of the Class of 2010 want to do before they graduate.

**Jared Alvord**  
Environmental studies and business double major  
Before I graduate from UVM and join the Peace Corps, I want

to kayak across Lake Champlain to the New York side, and finish the Vermont Brewery Challenge!

**Johannes Griesshammer**  
Forestry major

After I finish my honors thesis and live on top of a mountain for the summer, I will go ski late April powder on Mount Mansfield!

**Caitlin Shea**  
Environmental science major

Before I graduate from UVM and live in a cardboard box, I want to skinny dip in Lake Champlain and roast marshmallows at North Beach!

**Stacey Apple**  
Studio art major

Before I graduate and move to Boston to become a starving artist, I want to visit the Mother Tree one last time and watch the sunset from the Williams fire escape with someone I love.

**Kathleen Carroll**  
Environmental studies and political science double major

Before I graduate and work for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps this summer, I want to shower in the Davis Center.



# Sudoku

Easy

3	6	4	7	8		1		
9	5					6		4
							3	
		3		7	8		6	5
7			5		4			3
4	2		6	1		8		
	3							
8		7					2	6
		2		4	6	7	8	9

Hard

5	7			2				
	8	9						6
					1			
		7			9	6		8
9								1
3		2	4			7		
			8					
4						8	5	
				6			1	2

Soap on a Rope By Ashley Frisoli

I WANT YOU SO BAD

Soap on a Rope

By Ashley Frisoli

Love Is a RAINBOW

Let us

Explore the boundaries

And Get to it then

WHERE?

WHEN?

April						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

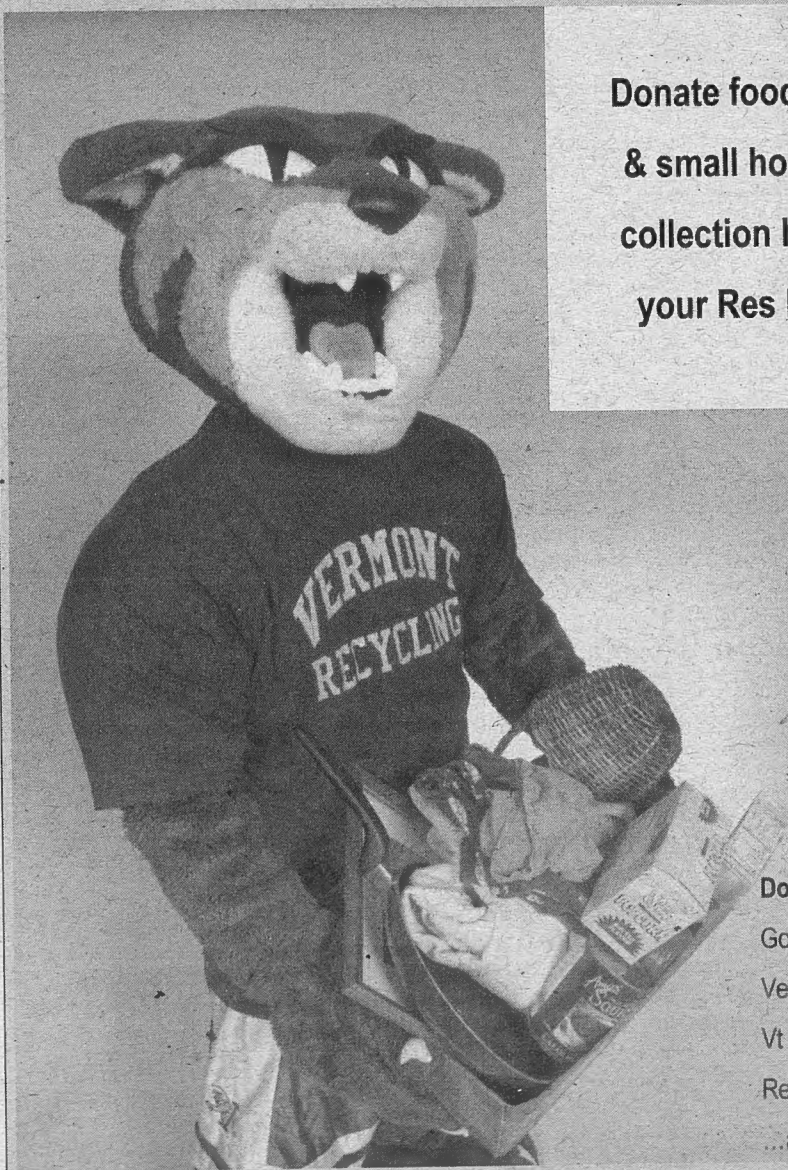
I SAW:

A LOOFAH

I AM:

HORNY.

## TOO MUCH STUFF? GIVE IT UP FOR good.



Donate food, clothing, linens  
& small household items in  
collection barrels located in  
your Res Hall main lobby.

Program sponsored by  
UVM Recycling  
[www.uvm.edu/recycle](http://www.uvm.edu/recycle)  
[recycle@uvm.edu](mailto:recycle@uvm.edu)  
656-4191

Donated items will benefit:  
Goodwill Industries  
Vermont FoodBank  
Vt Refugee Resettlement Program  
ReSOURCE  
...and other local organizations

Adventures of Joel and Chris By Andrew Becker

RA Inspection!

Okay, you're all set!

Wow, that wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be

Ha, why? What'd you think was going to happen?

RAs! MUTHA #%\$@!!

writers. photographers. graphic  
designers. illustrators.

email [cynic@uvm.edu](mailto:cynic@uvm.edu)